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Dr. Dillard States Centennial Crusade Objectives



MRS. KARENZA GILFOY

superintendent, Baptist Hospital, Jackson, will bring an encouraging report to the State Convention. From the report we learn that charity work including crippled children, blind, welfare clinic, three orphanages and colored folk, for the past year amounted to \$65,787.60. She will also report the bonded debt has been paid.

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Missionary Impersonates Greybeard, Fools Japanese And Wins Release From Internment

L. C. Osborn Witnesses Torture Tactics of Nipponese

Rev. L. C. Osborn, a Nazarene missionary in Tamingfu, Hopei province of North China for twenty-seven years, was so close to indefinite internment in a Japanese concentration camp that a close shave—or even a casual application of a pair of shears—would have cost his freedom.

It all happened when the Japanese were compiling a list of prisoners that would send many Americans home on a Red Cross exchange ship

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Centennial Memoranda

1845-1945

By Louie D. Newton

From 1814, the year the Triennial Convention was organized, to 1845, the year the Southern Baptist Convention was organized, Southern Baptists gave \$250,656 to home and foreign missions.

From 1845 to 1859, Southern Baptists gave \$650,698.07—nearly seven times as much per year.

This amazing increase in gifts to

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W. G. MIZE

Superintendent, Baptist Orphanage
Jackson, Mississippi

Mr. Mize will make his report to the Mississippi Baptist Convention in session at First Baptist Church on Wednesday morning, November 15th. This report will show that there has been no indebtedness on the Orphanage during this period, new buildings erected, and improvements have been made in excess of \$125,000. The Orphanage owns \$165,000 in U. S. war bonds which will be used in post-war plans for additional buildings, and anticipates receipts in the amount of \$50,000 surplus to be applied to the general support fund in case of some emergency which may confront them in the future.

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DR. D. A. (SCOTCHIE) McCALL

Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention will report on State Missions at the Tuesday evening session of the State Convention. Highlights of his report will include: Presentation of (1) the Centennial Crusade with all of its far-flung implications; (2) the Baptist Building; (3) an adequate association mission program to meet the needs upon us, and calls for expansion along all lines. He will also report that receipts for the past year exceeded any previous year.

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REV. M. E. PERRY

SONG LEADERS FOR MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION

Rev. M. E. Perry, pastor Leakesville church and Rev. W. L. Compere, pastor of 15th Avenue church, Meridian,



REV. W. L. COMPERE

will have charge of the music at the State Convention.

**Circulation This Week More Than 45,000
CIRCULATION --- 45,232**

A Gain of 500 For The Week

The Centennial Crusade is the greatest spiritual undertaking in the history of Southern Baptists, according to Dr. J. E. Dillard, director of promotion of the Southern Baptist Convention. It aims to complete, celebrate, climax, and crown a century of organized service for Christ. There are seven high and holy objectives:

1. **Evangelism:** A million more souls won for Christ. This is about five times as many as we won last year. It is not an impossible goal, but it calls for prayerful, patient, pastoral, personal, protracted, and perennial evangelism.

2. **Enlistment:** A million more souls enlisted in the work of our churches for Christ. We want all our people in all our work. The time to enlist

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THE LITTLE BAPTIST

BY J. M. MARTIN

(With special permission of the Sunday School Board at Nashville, we present this story by J. M. Martin, a popular narrative. Follow it weekly. The book, *The Little Baptist*, may be purchased from your Baptist Book Store.—Editor.)

(Continued from last week)

The Doctor had despaired of accomplishing the object of his visit; and being narrowed down to the Bible in the discussion, he, as a matter of course, could say but little. He had been interested in drawing out Mellie's opinions merely to see what arguments and explanations she was able to make in relation to the doctrine that she was advocating. After satisfying himself that she was fully posted in the Scriptures and would hear to nothing outside, he said: "Mellie, I see that you are determined to have your own way, therefore it is but a waste of time for me to reason with you. It is strange, yet nevertheless true, that when any person imbibes Baptist sentiments they become hard-headed and unteachable: they invariably fall back on the Bible, and you can't get them away from it. If you, Mellie, would only listen to me I could produce history and the writings of the fathers of the church, to show you clearly that sprinkling and pouring were most probably the original manner of administering baptism. But, if this is not so, the church has changed the mode, yet retained the same object, and our adopted practice does just as well, besides being much more convenient."

Mellie impatiently replied: "I don't care what history says, nor what the fathers in the church have said, and

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\$25,000.00 Cash Thanksgiving Offering For The Orphanage.

Sparks & Splinters

The Como Baptist Church is enjoying having services every Sunday now instead of monthly. They have a growing Sunday school and mid-week prayer meeting. Pastor and people are happy over the prospect of additional Sunday school rooms and repairs to the church.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Skutt of Como announce the arrival of a daughter, Barbara Ann, on Oct. 13.

The First Baptist Church of Bryan, Texas, has received into its membership 34 new members during the first month of Dr. Ira D. Eavenson's relation as pastor. Twelve of these have been on profession of faith. (Editor's note: Dr. Eavenson was formerly pastor at Cleveland.)

Great opportunities come to all, but many do not know they have met them. —The only preparation to take advantage of them, is simple fidelity to what each day brings—A. E. Dunning.

He who would really benefit mankind must reach them through their work.—Henry Ford.

SEVERAL PASTORS HAVE SAID THAT THEY WOULD SEND THE RECORD TO THEIR MEMBERS IN THE ARMED SERVICE, BUT KEEPING ADDRESSES CORRECT WOULD BE TOO MUCH TROUBLE. THE BAPTIST RECORD TAKES CARE OF THAT TROUBLE. SEND US THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES AND FUTURE CHANGES OF ADDRESS COME TO US THROUGH THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

The Bible Key to Prosperity is a good presentation of tithing. The author is Rev. Elam J. Daniels, pastor, editor and radio preacher. He is pastor of the First church, Fairfield, Ala. The book is now in its fourth edition and sells for 25c, or 15c for 25 or more copies. Chapter headings are: What the Bible Says About Our Money and Possessions; The Tithe Demanded in Old Testament; Is Tithing Taught in the New Testament?; Some Modern Objections to Tithing; The Tragic Results of Not Tithing; Blessings and Possibilities of Tithing; What Are We to Do with the Tithe? Orders should be sent to the author.

J. F. McDaniel has been elected superintendent of the East Louisville Sunday school. This newly organized church does not yet have a building but the seven classes meet in four different homes.

The associational letter of First church, Greenville, showed 1810 members, 101 baptisms and 130 by letter.

Hazlehurst: Our state mission offering amounted to \$55.61.—Reporter.

There were 24 additions in the revival at First church, Hammond, La., C. Lee Bullard, pastor. Chester Swor was the evangelist.

Many other churches should look at the following figures and do their best. The Chinese mission at Greenville gave \$100 to state missions.

Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Sullivan of Brookhaven are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of their first son, James David.

Because of a typographical error in a headline last week it was indicated that the Pastors' and Laymen's Conference ends November 13. It begins Monday night, November 13, and ends at noon on Tuesday, November 14.

Newton: We had a good day Sunday, Oct. 29. The offering for the building fund was over \$2,600. We have over \$21,000 on hand. One was approved for baptism and six came by letter.—R. A. Morris, pastor.

Auber J. Wilds, state Training Union work at the State Baptist Convention will emphasize—Enlargement, The Adult Union as a Prime Factor, The Standard as a Safe Guide for Efficiency, The Association Vital to Promotion.

Attention, Sunday school superintendents! Much of the responsibility for the Orphanage Thanksgiving effort has been put upon the Sunday schools. You are its leader. Be sure to secure the active help of church members who may not be in Sunday school. Please organize by departments, set goals, and make a real thing of this.

Among the out of state visitors at the funeral of Miss Fannie Traylor were Mrs. W. J. Cox, Southwide W. M. U. treasurer, Memphis; Miss Mattie Morgan, Memphis; Miss Gladys Keith, home missionary, New Orleans. Every section of the state was represented by prominent W. M. U. leaders.

Bethlehem church, Choctaw county, has called the Rev. Leroy F. Dorroh, Eupora, as pastor for another year.—Reporter.

Attention, Missionary Society presidents! The promotion of Thanksgiving gifts for the Orphanage offers you a fine opportunity for letting your influence and that of your society together with all auxiliaries be felt throughout the whole church. Line up your society with your entire auxiliaries. Your help is needed.

The following have been recent visitors to The Baptist Record office: Rev. R. D. Pearson, Macon; Dr. C. S. Henderson, Greenville; C. D. Matthews, Star; Rev. L. G. Sansing, Brandon; Major C. Waldrup, Chaplain (Captain) Lyon; Dr. Walter L. Johnson, Philadelphia; W. D. Cole, Philadelphia; J. F. Gardener, Hazlehurst; Rev. E. L. Howell, Fort Worth, Texas; Rev. M. P. Jones, Hazlehurst.

The associational letter of the First church, Brookhaven, revealed the following: additions 162; baptisms 38; present membership 1,461; total offerings \$32,586; for missions \$15,421.

Pastor W. L. Johnson and the Philadelphia Baptists plan to raise a building fund love offering of \$10,000 during November and December. The amount is to be added to the funds already in hand.

We appreciate the thoughtfulness of Brethren Wallace Bassett, Robert H. Colman and E. G. Brown in sending us a copy of the tribute to Dr. George W. Truett which was recently adopted by the Relief and Annuity Board.

First church, Brookhaven, set a goal of \$300 for State Missions. \$316.50 has been received and more is expected.

The following facts are taken from the associational letter of the First church, New Albany: Baptisms 63; total additions 143; present membership 1,031; average attendance at Sunday school 408; mission gifts totaled \$8,061; total expenditures for the year were \$29,974.

Rev. O. B. Renick has accepted the pastorate of Shiloh, Harmony and Union Ridge churches in Winston county. He will move to Winston county at an early date and give his time to these churches.

London (By Wireless)—The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. William Temple, died here of a heart attack. His death came as a profound and unexpected shock to the nation, as his illness had not been considered critical. The primate of all England was 63 years old and had been enthroned since April 23, 1943.

The associations are over and I believe they were the best we have ever had. I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the moderators together with the messengers and friends who received us so graciously and gave us an opportunity of presenting the work of the Orphanage. Also to those associations who went the second mile and made a free-will offering for the support of our work. We regret that it was not possible to get to all of the associational meetings this year, but we hope to make those next year that we were not privileged to attend this year. Look for us, we'll be seeing you.—Mr. and Mrs. Mize and children.

We are grateful to Rev. H. P. McDonald for a club of six subscriptions from Sand Ridge church in Scott county.

For months First church, West Point, has averaged two additions per Sunday.

This is Thanksgiving month. This is the time for all Mississippi Baptists to come to the aid of the work of the Baptist Orphanage by making a liberal cash offering.

On October 18 there were 1440 present at the midweek service at Latonia Baptist Church (Kentucky). Dr. John E. Huss is pastor.

Macon, R. D. Pearson, pastor, has fully met its Now Club quota.

As usual, Clerk T. T. Gooch of the Yalobusha Association, is one of the first to send us 1944 minutes. And they compare favorably with any. The minutes show total membership 3,348; total contributions \$14,957; total for missions and benevolences \$6,102.

The Baptist Orphanage is providing a Christian home for children who have no home, and at the same time fulfilling the task of the church in "teaching" the things of God and life unto Him. Yes, it costs to maintain such an institution; but it is the one opportunity open to the church where religion is not crowded out of home life because parents are too busy accumulating material prosperity or social prominence, and the child's spiritual nature forgotten. Your Thanksgiving offering will greatly assist this training.

His many friends throughout the nation will regret to learn of the serious illness of Dr. L. R. Scarborough. He has been in the hospital at Amarillo, Texas, for several weeks, and his physicians give little hope of his recovery.

The Good Hope church of which Rev. C. E. McCarn is pastor, had with them in their revival Evangelist W. A. "Slick" Greene of Waynesboro. There were 27 professions of faith. Much work was done toward getting the church to undertake a much needed building movement.

There is nothing in the world so important as little children, nothing so interesting. Your investments in the life of a child will pay big dividends in years to come. Let us show our love for them by making a love offering to the orphanage at this Thanksgiving season.

The Pheba church, Rev. Carey Sanning pastor, had with them in their fall revival Evangelist W. A. "Slick" Greene. There were eight additions to the membership of the church.

Frank Norfleet, of Weiner, Ark., a second-year student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, has been appointed student athletic director at the seminary for the current session. The seminary gymnasium has been renovated, including the laying of a tile floor in the shower room, improvement of the locker room, and extensive repair of the swimming pool, and a varied program of recreation is now open to the large student body.

To meet a growing demand for ideas and materials for special church services, the Southern Baptist Theological library has begun the collection of church bulletins and other program materials on such services as the dedication of church buildings, the dedication of service flags, and memorial services for service men. Contributions to this collection, which will be available to all patrons of the library, should be mailed directly to Dr. Leo T. Crismon, associate librarian, the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville 6, Ky.

The orphanage is expecting people from the rural communities to be generous in their contribution of supplies as in former years. We can use hay, corn, syrup, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, chickens, meat, lard, canned goods, such as peas, corn, pickles, preserves, jellies, hominy, butterbeans, peaches, soup mixture, fruit juices, pickled peaches.

Enlistment Pastor E. D. Estes sends another club of subscriptions. This time from West Side church, Macon.

Rev. Robert I. Martin, clerk of the Yazoo County Baptist Association has sent us a copy of resolutions adopted at the recent meeting of that association. The resolutions are similar to some already published. They call upon the governor to file or cause to be filed suits against all who have violated laws of the state by the sale of intoxicating liquors as provided in Sections 2639 and 2640 of the Code of 1942. He also states that the Yazoo Association was well-attended and much interest manifested.

Attention, pastors! Your leadership is imperatively needed as plans are made for properly presenting Orphanage needs at the Thanksgiving season. That is a call to the church.

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ERNEST LAFAYETTE PATTERSON
On October 11, 1944, Mr. Ernest Lafayette Patterson passed away. He was the third member of Oil City Baptist Church to go during its short history, and the first active resident member. His funeral was held Sunday afternoon, October 15—the first funeral to be held in the Oil City church.

Brother Patterson was active in all phases of the church program. He was president of the men's Bible class and a regular attendant at the Training Union. His sunny disposition was an inspiration to all he met. His outstanding desire in life was to be a better Christian every day.

A native of Oklahoma, Brother Patterson came to Oil City church in its first days some two or three years ago. He is survived by a wife, four children, one grandchild, his parents, three brothers and four sisters. He is also survived by a host of friends who were too numerous to find a place within the church building during the funeral services. Interment took place at Ogden Cemetery, Yazoo county.—Earl George.

IMITATE OVER 750 CHURCHES—ADOPT EFP OF B.-R.

Paul's Method: "I kept back nothing that was profitable, but have shewed you and taught you publickly, and from house to house." Acts 20:20

Every Mississippi Baptist church should send messengers to the Mississippi Baptist Convention, November 14-16, First Baptist Church, Jackson. Write Dr. W. A. Hewitt for reservations.

Our debt figure stands at \$23,575.89, November 1, 1944. We should complete this at once. Send in the money, we will place it where it belongs.

We continue in the higher brackets in soul winning—near 12,000.

A profit of \$12,808.72 is realized in Baptist Record Business Management.

Contributions for all causes total above \$875,000. This is a new high. We hope to have exact figures for the Convention bulletin.

Centennial Crusade plans along with other important programs will be perfected.

Come to the Convention!

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We have wanted a Baptist Building for some years, but, first, we kept faith with Mississippi Baptists in not starting any new projects until we were out of debt. We need a new building that we may have proper space for carrying on the work of the Lord Jesus in a worthy manner. The present building is so cold many mornings in the winter-time, the office employees, mostly young ladies, really suffer. Because of poor lighting conditions, we have installed lights at our own expense in a building not our own. We need to have a building where the mailing of The Baptist Record may be carried on from the ground floor. The biggest single task carried on by the Convention Board forces is the mailing of The Baptist Record every week. By that we mean it calls for the expenditure of more physical energy. It is quite a task to bring 45,000 copies of The Baptist Record up narrow stairs and take them back down again.

We see the need for a great summer assembly in Mississippi, but we kept faith with Mississippi Baptists by not starting a new major project until we were out of debt.

We have wanted a BSU secretary, a Brotherhood secretary, a worker among the Negroes, and, a state music director, but we kept faith with Mississippi Baptists in not clamoring for a great many extra workers while we were deep in debt.

We feel Mississippi Baptists, along with all Southern Baptists, should join battle against the prince of the power of the air by having a full-time Christian radio going, thus taking the gospel to every hill and vale through this state and beyond, but, first, we kept faith with Mississippi Baptists by pressing matters already before us as Evangelism, debt paying, Missions, Christian Education and benevolences without clamoring for a great many new projects.

We remind you at this time that when we came into the work, overhead at the Convention Board office was 16%. The next year it went to 17% because of increased debt-paying efforts. Christian Education should have borne this cost. The next year, overhead tumbled to 13%, and the next year to 8%. Last year it stood at 4%. Overhead has been given emphasis far beyond its value and, thus, has been a source of trouble and confusion to the minds of many. It is simply the cost of preaching and promoting the work of the Lord Jesus at home and around the world. It is the way Home Mission money is spent, and the way Foreign Mission money is spent to care for salaries, traveling expenses, postage, literature, and other Kingdom items, getting the gospel to the lost, etc. However, we warn you that notwithstanding the fact that overhead has been a source of division in Baptist life, a few leaders do not seem to care. There will be repeated efforts at Convention after Convention to send overhead skyward. If Baptists are sensible as God made them to be, we will keep overhead down until every item stands on its own footing.

The Education Commission is now completing the largest money raising task in the history of Mississippi Baptists. The Convention has been cooperative these last years in refusing to vote out sums of money until debts were paid. The Convention Board has cooperated. The Education Commission, however, has been in a strategic position in making it possible for this office really to lead in this great movement. Without such help, the task would never have been accomplished. The Education Commission has been a "trouble shooter" for Mississippi Baptists. We feel if each institution had stood on its own feet as has the Orphanage, the Hospital and some other institutions, Mississippi Baptists would not have experienced some of their troubles. When one knows he can "pass the buck" to another, it is a big temptation to do so. After six years of intensive study, it is our feeling Mississippi Baptist affairs would go along much more smoothly if the Education Commission were dispensed with. Christian Education is not a baby requiring a nurse.

Dr. J. J. Wicker, the unique president of a great school, said at Ridgecrest last summer, "No school ever dies that deserves to live." We need to remember at least that Jesus instituted only one New Testament institution and that is His church. We feel a lot of blasphemy is committed at his point.

II

This question has come again and again: "What of those who died without having the gospel preached unto them?"

First, we may trust God to do right at all times and by everybody.

Second, the Bible in Romans 1:20 says "that they are without excuse." (Read the entire first chapter of Romans.) In Ezekiel 3:17-21 and 33:7-11, we are plainly told that ignorance does not save the sinner neither does our failure to deliver to him the message of truth save him.

Third, the Bible teaches over and over again that Jesus and only Jesus saves. In Acts 4:12, we read: "Neither is there salvation in any other: for

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:—
"LOVE NEVER FAILS"

1 Cor. 13:8b

Paul's Message: "Testifying both to the Jews, and also the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20:21.

there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

So far as the Christian is concerned, the charge of Jesus, repeatedly stated, comes with resounding emphasis to get the message to the sinner. Acts 1:8, Romans 10:13-15: "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?" Who is going to send the preachers unless missionary minded Christians do it? Mark 16:15.

III

Maybe Cain felt that "this is a free country," so he slew Abel. Some follow him today.

Maybe Achan felt that "this is a free country," so he took the wedge of gold.

Maybe Lucifer felt that "this is a free country," so he too tried to superimpose his will. Isaiah 14:12-17.

Maybe the Sunday movie operator feels that "this is a free country." Many follow him!

Maybe the bootlegger feels that "this is a free country."

Somehow we never get much refection out of using the phraseology of the world, the flesh, and the devil!

Brother Wilds suggests the term, "Promotional Secretary," for our paid association helper in each instance. That is a very suggestive title.

Some New Testament titles for Christian workers are: "fishers of men," Matthew 4:19; "disciples," Matthew 5:1; "apostles," "prophets," "teachers," "miracles," "hearings," "helps," "governments," and "tongues," I Corinthians 12:28; "apostles," "prophets," "evangelists," "pastors and teachers," Ephesians 4:11, etc.

Last April we had a delightful time at a two-adult department banquet—300 present—Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis. They laughed at our stories, listened sympathetically to the message, and welcomed us warmly. We were somewhat surprised to receive another invitation this time to their big annual whole Sunday school officers clinic. Some 500 were present. We had the privilege of leading the teacher group and then speaking to the whole. They have a ministry renowned throughout America and beyond. They have often-times the largest Sunday school in the South and a great B. T. U. as well. Dr. Lee is pastor. Mr. Fred Crain is superintendent, and Miss Gardner is director.

The next evening we had a dual engagement at Union Avenue, another of the largest churches in Memphis. Great officer group and fine spirit at prayer meeting. The spirit at the banquet was most joyous. Mr. Graves is superintendent, Mr. Ledbetter is associate and Dr. Hughes, pastor—a great group.

"The Leathernecks Came Through" is an interesting volume by Chaplain W. W. Willard. It is attractively bound and carries a vivid description of the boys who "came through."

Dr. C. S. Henderson, pastor, called, saying that the Greenville First church W. M. U. was giving a \$100 memorial to Miss Traylor. It is for "fixing up" the W. M. U. office in the new Baptist Building. By now you have found many others thinking of similar expressions.

The Attala-Holmes Associations joint committee looking toward an association missionary met at Durant. Most members were present. They are definitely committed to this work.

Somewhere around twenty of our associations either have a missionary, or are working toward having one. Mississippi Baptists are on the march!

Two large congregations were present at Cleveland. Dr. and Mrs. Treadaway are happy in the work. So is the church. Why not? We spoke to an interesting Chinese group in the afternoon. They were taking a state mission offering.

Columbus Association was the last for the year. The reports and interest were good. Attendance excellent. Moderator Marsh and Clerk McElroy were properly directing attention to the King's business. The association voted favorably on the association missionary plan.

Brethren, we are going to need badly \$10,000 for association missions in 1945. Many churches and individuals could put \$500 into this work and not be hurt, but exceedingly helpful, in seeing Jesus preached every week in the year.

We enjoyed two services at Pleasant Home, Jones county. Good interest. They have just called Brother Massey as pastor. Brother Otis Matthews and family members were gracious to us in the home. We renewed fellowship with a boyhood friend—Brother Delton Black, Soso. We were saved at the same time.

IV

WHY NOT CANCEL THE STATE CONVENTION?

Baptists of New Mexico through the Office of Defense Transportation are asked to cancel their state convention this year. We shall do no such thing.

It is perfectly all right for people to drive from every section of the state to the annual New Mexico State Fair, and for 14,000 people to so crowd the gates on Sunday that it takes one hour for one car to pass into the grounds. It is perfectly all right and helpful to the war effort and to morale for those 14,000 people to gamble a total of \$150,000 on the Lord's Day betting on the races. It is all right for a saloon to be set up under the grandstands where mixed drinks and all other kinds are sold.

But it is all wrong for a group of religious workers to gather for a three-
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WE PREDICT

We predict a greater and finer fellowship at the coming State Convention than for many years. As we come together we will either be almost or entirely out of debt. Do you remember how you felt when you made the last payment on that house, car or farm? You felt good. So do Mississippi Baptists.

Messengers to the State Convention will feel good not only because of the debt situation but for many other reasons.

Although hindered by war-time distractions the number of baptisms will compare favorably with other years. Our secretary has constantly held before our people the evangelistic obligation as well as the evangelistic opportunity.

Convention Board receipts will total more than \$875,000, which is an all-time high.

All our colleges will bring debt-free reports. Our hospital and orphanage not only will report no debt, but will tell of funds now in hand for needed expansion when and if. This is also probably true of Mississippi College and Blue Mountain College.

The Baptist Foundation will have heartening news concerning receipts during its first year.

So far as we know every organization will report progress.

Certainly Mississippi Baptists should look forward to the Convention with keen interest. Having no earthly head we will gather as free men and women requiring no second party to secure for us access to God. We can testify to the fact that Baptists in Mississippi meet on a common level. Bosses just don't exist. The high and the low, the rich and the poor, the literate and the illiterate, all have a common interest and the same Saviour. There is no difference. Come to the Convention. Come with thankful hearts for the glorious year just ended.

Come with humble hearts as we think of the sins of omission, as we think of the opportunities lost and the deeds undone.

Come with determination—a determination to go forward; a determination to avoid last year's pitfalls and to seize every opportunity to promote God's work.

Pastors should come. Great numbers of consecrated men and women should come. The Convention needs their advice and help. Let every section and every class be represented. Let all have a share in policy-planning for the coming year.

It is poor sportsmanship to stay away and whine and criticize what was done.

Let's attend the Convention!

THE VICTORY CONVENTION

Although when this is written, Tuesday morning, November 7, the debt of Mississippi Baptists is not completely paid, it is so nearly paid that the headline above is appropriate.

The Victory Celebration is set for December 12, but some who attend the Convention will not be back for the Victory Celebration.

If all who read this would do something, the small amount needed to complete our debt payment would be en route to Jackson within a few hours.

As the auditors now have the Convention Board books exact figures cannot be given, but the amount needed to complete all debt payment as of Tuesday, November 7, is approximately \$20,000.

If this small amount were to reach Secretary McCall's office before the Convention convenes on Tuesday, November 14, not only would all Baptist headquarters celebrate but, as the Baptists of Mississippi convene, the spirit would be better, the fellowship finer and the whole convention would be invigorated.

We urge every church, small or large, to do something and do it NOW. If you have paid your part, pay some more. If you have paid nothing or just a little, do better.

There are many Baptists over the state that could give large or small amounts. It will do us good to be out of debt.

Let's pay all of our debt by Convention time.

We never give advice that we do not take ourselves.

A GOOD SELECTION

Dr. M. E. Dodd has announced that in consultation with State Secretary Dr. D. A. McCall, Dr. W. A. Bell has been asked to serve as Centennial Crusade director for Mississippi.

Congratulations to Mississippi Baptists! Dr. Bell has done an outstanding work as pastor at Parkway church in Jackson. His

ability as a leader has been recognized by his association (moderator) and by the Jackson Ministerial Association (president). He has more invitations for evangelistic meetings than he can accept.

Congratulations to Dr. Bell! He is worthy and well-qualified and will be an asset to the Crusade. He deserves the honor. He is worthy of this recognition.

—BR— SOME STATE CONVENTION PROBLEMS

Beginning with the Pastors' and Laymen's Conference on Monday evening, November 13, and the State Convention on Tuesday afternoon, Jackson will truly be the Baptist center for Mississippi Baptists.

Certainly within the present generation no more important convention has met. Grave problem as well as jubilant days confront Mississippi Baptists.

Space does not permit discussion of the problems which we face. We list them and urge every Mississippi Baptist to consider them carefully. Talk with others and if coming to Jackson bring some constructive suggestions to the Convention.

1. The biggest thing we have ever undertaken is the 1945 Centennial Crusade. We are asked to try to raise in cash during 1945 for all causes at home and abroad \$1,250,000. Our largest contributions in any previous year were \$745,505.75.

2. Many more calls are coming for increased aid to missionary causes especially in the field of associational missions.

3. The problem of a building to take care of Baptist headquarters is becoming more and more acute.

4. More work among Negroes is a pressing need.

5. Many are asking for a Brotherhood secretary. Pitiful and appealing are the pleas we have heard noble laymen make at Convention Board meetings as they urged that funds for a Brotherhood secretary be made available.

6. A new, but none-the-less worthy object is a state director of music.

As we ponder our problems, rejoice over our accomplishments and plan for the future, Mississippi Baptists should be much in prayer that the Holy Spirit will direct every action and influence every vote.

These are tragic times and days of destiny. Actions taken now will influence unborn generations. Let no one do or say anything except that which is calculated to bring glory to God's name and good to our day. God is calling us to higher ground. Let's be worthy of the call.

THE ASSOCIATIONAL SEASON CLOSES

The Columbus Association which met at Mt. Vernon church on October 26 brought to a close the 1944 associational season. As a state worker we have been attending associations for ten years and it is our opinion that the 1944 season was the best of the ten.

Ten years ago many associations tolerated state workers. This year many wrote and urged us to come.

The fellowship at all associations was the kind that makes Baptist hearts glad. "We be brethren" was demonstrated time and time again.

Despite gas and rubber shortage, the attendance was unusually good, proving the fact that Baptists can get to associations, if they want to, as well as other places.

The financial reports were exceptionally good. More churches gave more than ever before.

The sermons on the whole were better than in other years. The preachers took a serious view of the task of preaching the associational sermon.

And last but not least, the entertainment including the dinner, was always A-1. But that calls for discussion in a later issue.

—BR— A WORD OF WARNING

The advice we offer below probably is not needed. We think we speak the sentiments of most Mississippi Baptists. But good advice will not hurt.

The warning: Please don't make any proposal at the State Convention that calls for debt. As a pastor we preached about debts; as a circulation manager we heard about debts; as a Baptist we were haunted by debts; as an editor we have written about debts.

Let's try the pay as you go plan for a while. It not only saves interest, but it saves energy.

—BR— A WORTHY AND CHALLENGING GOAL FOR MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

1. Every Mississippi Baptist Church contributing through the Cooperative Program.
2. Every Mississippi Baptist Church sharing in the Now Club.
3. A summer assembly.
4. A State Brotherhood secretary.
5. A full-time worker with the Negroes.
6. A worker at Whitfield.
7. Two rural evangelists instead of one.
8. A full-time Indian worker.
9. A Baptist Building in Jackson.
10. At least ten enlistment pastors.
11. Enlarged soldier work.
12. Associational missionaries.
13. Mississippi Baptists out of (Continued on Page Five)

MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

day meeting in which to lay plans to work for a better world!

We shall have the state convention right on schedule, saving as much wear and tear on tires as possible, but meeting together, just the same, to carry on the work of the Lord!—Editorial.

It is noticeable that the word "feel" is only found once in the New Testament, and that in Acts 17:27, where it speaks of the heathen who "feel after" God. For us, to whom the light of the gospel is come, the word "believe" takes the place of the word "feel." We are called upon to take God at His word.

Think of the folly of spending vast amounts of money (and rightfully so) to send the gospel to men and women of other races, who live across the seas, while we are unconcerned about, or even prejudiced against, those of other races dwelling in our own land!

DR. DILLARD STATES CENTENNIAL CRUSADE OBJECTIVES

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people is when they are evangelized.

3. Education: A million more taught of Christ. Baptists must know if they grow and glow and go. Christian education must begin in the home and go on through the church and all its organizations. And our colleges, seminaries, and training schools must be strengthened and enlarged.

4. Rehabilitation: We want to rebuild war's wreckage, especially upon the foreign fields where our stations have been closed, our property destroyed, and our workers forced out.

5. Stewardship: We want to revive the scriptural giving of self and service and substance. This is for the good of the individual, the sake of the work, and the glory of Christ. We ought to enroll a million tithers.

6. Benevolence: We want to relieve humanity's needs, especially by caring for homeless children through our orphanages, the sick and suffering through our hospitals, and our aged ministers and missionaries and their dependent families through our Relief and Annuity Board.

7. Finances: We have set our hearts upon raising at least \$20,000,000 during the centennial year. We need \$10,000 for Southwide causes and \$10,000,000 for state causes. All state and southwide organizations and agencies will work together. All receipts, unless otherwise designated, will be divided according to Co-operative Program percentages.

This is truly a program for world redemption.

Crowning a Century for Christ

—BR—

CENTENNIAL MEMORANDA

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missions is not explained by economic conditions, but by the fact that Southern Baptists committed themselves in their organization at Augusta to the high resolve to give the gospel to the world.

The war came with its heavy toll of men and money. The Foreign Mission Board continued to send funds to its missionaries, as long as there was any money to send, to its missionaries in China and Africa. During the darkest days of the war, the Baptists of Maryland and Kentucky continued to send some money to the struggling missionaries.

The Home Mission Board turned all of its energies to the needs of the soldiers and their families. This ministry constitutes one of the glorious chapters in Southern Baptist history.

Many of the returning soldiers entered the ministry, and in 1865, Southern Baptists, amid desolation and persecution, gathered up the broken threads and began to build anew the missionary work at home and abroad.

The question of whether the South-

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MISSIONARY IMPERSONATES GREYBEARD, FOOLS JAPANESE AND WINS RELEASE FROM INTERNMENT

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after months of confinement. A Nipponese glanced at the missionary's grey beard.

"This old fellow won't do us any harm."

"How old is he?" his aide inquired. "Oh, he must be way past 70."

Mr. Osborn is 50—but he didn't dispute them. He feels eternally grateful for that grey beard, an anomalous contrast to a dark head of hair which his captors didn't seem to notice.

As a result he returned to America after six months internment in occupied China, thirty-six days of which were spent adjoining a torture chamber where Japanese officers sought military information from their captives.

Endures Third Degree

Only his religious affiliation—plus a "blessed beard"—saved the Clevelander from third-degree cruelties, although he was subjected to a month of relentless grilling.

Out of this close observation of the Japanese and their reaction on the Chinese, the genial, soft-spoken missionary has emerged with some realistic impressions:

"The Japanese are more to be feared than Germany. If Japan is allowed to remain where she is today and to consolidate her efforts, twenty-five years from now she will have industrialized, organized and mobilized those (Asiatic) people and will overrun devastated Europe and the western hemisphere.

"God wants to give the Allied Nations victory. Not that they may rule over others but that we may get the gospel out to the millions on earth who have never—even for the first time—heard the gospel message."—The Protestant Voice.

A WORTHY AND CHALLENGING GOAL

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14. A Sunday school, a Training Union, a Missionary Union, and a Brotherhood in every church.

16. The Baptist Record in every home.

ern Baptist Convention should continue, now that the question of slavery had been settled in a bitter war, came up for discussion, but it was soon apparent that there could be no reconciliation, and the leaders set their faces to the task at hand and ahead.

Next week I shall discuss the birth of the various agencies and institutions of the Convention.

PIKE COUNTY CHURCHES SHOW BIG IMPROVEMENTS

The Pike County Baptist Association, in its annual meeting at the Central Baptist Church Thursday, October 12, found the reports of all churches a great improvement over last year.

Cooperative Program gifts for 1943 were \$9,873 and for 1944, \$15,039, an increase of 52 per cent.

Gifts for all mission benevolences for 1943, \$18,595 and for 1944, \$26,874, a 45 per cent increase.

Gifts to all causes in 1943, \$110,416, and in 1944, \$138,210, an increase of 25 per cent.

Baptisms for 1943, 307; for 1944, 434, an increase of 31 per cent.

Membership of all churches in 1943, 8,999; in 1944, 9,475, a five per cent increase.

Sunday school enrollment in 1943, 3,542, in 1944, 3,877, a nine per cent increase.

Training Union enrollment, 1943, 1,359, in 1944, 1,458, a seven per cent increase.

Woman's Missionary Union enrollment 1943, 694; for 1944, 80, a 21 per cent increase.

—BR—
WANTS CONGREGATIONS TO FURNISH AUTOS TO PASTORS

Grand Rapids, Mich.—(RNS)—Suggestion that congregations supply automobiles for the use of ministers in their pastoral work in much the same manner that companies supply automobiles for employees who must travel in their work was made here by the Rev. Henry W. Fischer, Saginaw, chairman of the Presbyterian Synod of Michigan's ministerial relations committee.

"The stipend of the minister is far too low," Mr. Fischer said while addressing the annual meeting of the synod. "Churches pay only average or minimum wages and then expect a minister to keep up his own car. Why shouldn't the church supply a minister with a car?"

LEVITY IN THE PULPIT

J. L. Williams

Reader, did you ever see a preacher so forget that he occupied "Holy Ground" that he would say things during a sermon just to make those in the pew laugh?

I have no patience with this practice for levity is not in the preacher's calling. Jesus asked Peter if he loved Him. Peter answered that he did. Then Jesus gave him the preacher's calling, "Feed my sheep," and He mixed no levity in it. Levity does not feed the "sheep" or the "lamb."

We don't find the least hint of levity in the Sermon on the Mount.

In Matthew 12:36 we read where Jesus said "But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give an account thereof in the day of judgment."

Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Would you call levity in the pulpit "good works"? Or would you think it will lead those in the pew to "glorify your Father which is in heaven"? (See I Peter 2:12.)

In discussing self or indulging in levity, as is sometimes done, the preacher not only wastes precious time, but causes less reverence.

Dear preacher reader, if you have ever been guilty of such practice, pray over it and see if the Spirit will "bear witness with your spirit" that you did right.

In I John 3:20-21 we read, "For if our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. Beloved, if our hearts condemn us not, then we have confidence in God."

I appreciate an old preacher's advice he gave a class of young ministers. He said, "Young men, in order to be successful in your ministry you must learn three things: (1) have something to say, (2) say it, and (3) stop." Father, help us to build up thy cause and honor thy name in all we say, especially in thy house, we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

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In the W. M. U. office, Jackson, on Friday afternoon, October 27, at a called meeting of the local board, attended also by those members of the Executive Board who had come to Jackson for the funeral of our beloved Executive Secretary, the following matter was acted upon:

1. By unanimous consent as well as by unanimously spoken approbation and appreciation, Miss Edwina Robinson, State Young People's secretary, was asked to take care also of the executive duties for the present. The entire group felt that we must be much in prayer in the days ahead. We were unanimous in feeling that we must take the long look and be very deliberate in making any readjustment.

A further provision being that the office secretary, Miss Nettie Ree Traylor, and the field worker, Miss Edna Hickman render every assistance that their long association in the work there has taught them.

How Miss Traylor was missed from her chair at her desk! How she was missed from the meeting! How she will be missed from the many places she filled—the many plans she fostered!

Our prayer was that we might draw closer to Him and that He draw us closer to each other. May that be the prayer of every one of us. Then, following Him, may we let the inspiration of the consecrated service be that of one whom all of us loved and trusted and admired all of the time, be our potent motive to carry out the aspirations and prayers she had for the future of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union.

MRS. WEBB BRAME,
President, Mississippi W. M. U.

Plan Preparatory Projects

Purposeful preparation is essential to any worthy work. The blessings of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the abundance of the Lottie Moon Christmas offering have grown through the years. This growth could not have been accomplished without carefully laid and well executed preparatory plans. One source of dependence for preparation, the small study book, has been experimentally discontinued because too many societies counted these classes along with similar ones in preparation for the March Week of Prayer as their year's requirement, neglecting the many other available mission study books. It is hoped that better planning for mission study will result.

Purposeful preparation for the Week of Prayer (December 4-8) will include a mission study class in this month of November, using one of the splendid books published by the Foreign Mission Board, "Pray Ye," Tyler, or "Thus It Is Written," Goerner.

Purposeful preparation will lead to wise use of other material to be found in Royal Service. Your files of the magazine, so constantly indispensable, will yield stories by missionaries from many friends. Examine the October issue and now the November number of this year. Search The Commission, World Comrades and The Window of Y. W. A. Draw the young people into

meetings to tell stories and otherwise participate in the preparation.

Purposeful preparation will include a study of the objects of the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. This list is the result of much prayer and planning. The story of how it is made up was recounted to an interested group by Dr. Maddry: Scene I takes place on mission fields around the world when missionaries meet to face the needs of their own mission. They lay out the needs in building, equipment and work, then cut to try to keep within reasonable expectations and their final list comes to the Board in Richmond, Virginia. Scene II finds the executive and regional secretaries with all lists to study, compare and make the selections, which form a list that comes to Woman's Missionary Union with the request to select such items as can be included in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering list. Scene III shows a sub-committee of the W. M. U. Executive Committee and state executive secretaries considering each request and making recommendations which are in turn studied by the whole committee, amended and finally approved. Such a list, representing the blood and tears and prayers of so many anxious hearts, is worthy of study in the societies and auxiliary organizations. That it is designed to meet dire need and inviting opportunity is evident. Let its appealing objects speak to the hearts of your members.

Purposeful preparation for the 1944 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is more important than at any time in the years of its observance. World needs are so pressingly great—need for prayer and need for consecrated money. Assured that wide-open doors await the day of cessation of hostilities, much prayer and large giving are essential to God's plan for the healing of the nations. This is the month of preparation for a worthy observance of this vastly meaningful season. Prayerfully plan preparatory projects. Purposeful preparation pays.

MRS. F. W. ARMSTRONG.

33 Days Together

"It is impossible to mentally or socially enslave a Bible-reading people, the principles of the Bible are the groundwork of true liberty." These are good sentences to remember. And while we are trying to liberate people around the world, we can be sure our own country keeps freedom ringing for all.

The American Bible society is announcing a wonderful plan for people on the home front and men in the armed services to read the Bible together from Thanksgiving Day to Christmas. The President is being asked to refer to this in his Thanksgiving Proclamation and the governors of our forty-eight states have also been invited to do that or issue a separate proclamation about the plan. See if your governor is one who does.

More than 100,000 pastors and 6,000 chaplains helped select the passages for these 33 days. Don't you want to read these carefully-chosen scrip-

tures?

Churches, general denominational bodies, and Christian organizations of all kinds are giving this nationwide Bible reading a major emphasis.

Community-wide observances throughout the nation are being arranged through the cooperation of churches, schools, civic and other organizations, merchants, newspapers, and radio stations.

This emphasis on a scale never before attempted in our country, will enlist many who have not been accustomed to reading the Bible.

The daily reading of the Bible during this period will encourage many who have been only casual readers to continue the custom by following one of the long established regular programs of daily Bible reading promoted by the various organizations in the churches.

Bookmarks listing the daily passages will be distributed by the millions in churches, in service camps, in pay envelopes, over store counters, by chaplains and pastors, in mailings, by house-to-house church visitation, and from neighbor to neighbor. They are available for every chaplain and pastor and for every community. The American Bible Society is furnishing these bookmarks and posters free of charge. A packet of supplies and a card for requesting more has been sent to each pastor. Ask your pastor for the materials you will need. If he hasn't them, write to American Bible Society, Park Avenue and 57 Street, New York 22, N. Y.

How You Can Help

Read the daily passages yourself. Establish daily family Bible reading in your home by having your family read them together.

Write to relatives and friends in the armed forces, telling them about the Nationwide Bible Reading, sending them the list of passages in case they may not have received one otherwise, and asking them to read with you. You can suggest that they tell their friends about it and ask them to read too.

Talk about the Nationwide Bible Reading and encourage others to take part. If you are in school, you can talk with your fellow students and teachers and ask the editor of your school paper to publish an article and print the list of passages. If you are working in business or industry, you can talk with your fellow employees and your employer. If your company has an employees' paper, you can ask that they publish an article and print the list of passages.

Ask your daily newspaper to be sure to feature the Nationwide Bible Reading plans and to print the passages each day.

At each meeting between Thanksgiving and Christmas, in every church organization to which you belong, arrange for someone to read aloud at least a part of the passage for that day, calling attention to the Nationwide Bible Reading and encouraging everyone to take part in the reading.

Offer your services to your pastor to help in carrying out plans for the greatest possible emphasis in your church and throughout your com-

munity, distributing the bookmark leaflets and arranging for posters to be put up in prominent places wherever people gather and wait or pass by slowly.

Pray for the success of this program which holds such possibilities for the spiritual life of our nation, for this can be the beginning of a widespread movement which will give the Bible a new place at the center of American life.

"You shall know the Truth and the Truth shall make you free."—Window of Y. W. A.

BR—
R. A. HANNA ORDAINED

An examining committee recently examined and then recommended the ordination of R. A. Hanna. The following named Baptist ministers composed the examining council: E. M. Bilbo, pastor, River Avenue church; A. R. Loftin, pastor, Green's Creek; Q. C. Barrett, pastor Twenty-Eighth Avenue; W. E. Stewart, pastor, Thirty-Eighth Avenue; C. S. Moulder, pastor, Dixie; Garland McInnis, pastor, Carterville; R. C. Woodham and J. E. Barnes, pastor, Main Street.

Rev. Hanna was ordained on Sunday, October 22, at River Avenue church, Hattiesburg. The River Avenue pastor, E. M. Bilbo, was in charge of the service. J. E. Barnes preached the ordination sermon and the charge was delivered by Dr. I. E. Rouse, pastor of Fifth Avenue church. The ordination prayer was led by Q. C. Barrett.

Rev. Hanna, with the rank of sergeant, is connected with the 65th Division at Camp Shelby. His home is in Beaumont, Texas. When he first came to Hattiesburg with the army, he placed his membership with River Avenue church. He often preached on the court house lawn, and other places. Before his conversion he was a wrestler, cowboy and circus man.

His mother and brother from Texas were present for the ordination. His wife and his brother's wife were also present.

REV. GARLAND McINNIS,
Secretary to the Presbytery.
BR—
MAMIE POTTER

On October 13, 1944, Sister Mamie Potter, member of Endville Baptist Church, departed this life, and went to be with her Saviour in that Celestial City, "The Home of the Soul."

She was a fine Christian woman, devoted to her church, her Sunday school class, was loved, and will be missed by all who knew her.

She was like Mary of old, "She hath wrought a good work on me. She hath done what she could": "Jesus said let her alone"; was faithful to her Master.

In the New Testament death is spoken of as "a sleep." By our Savior as going to the "house of many mansions," and by Paul as entering into the "house not made with hands eternal in the heavens."

John wrote his gospel in order that men might believe; and that we are redeemed, and have an inheritance, that was sure."

Paul was sure of it, so was John, and way back in the early days Job could say with confidence, "I know that my Redeemer liveth," and he had the assurance that some day he would stand in His presence.

So, we have not come to say farewell, dear Mamie, but good night.

By her beloved pastor,
A. B. JONES.

GOING PLACES

IT IS FORTY-FIVE by
Convention TimePASTOR PRESENTS EFP
Church Adopts It

Rev. Lewis Byram is the latest addition to the growing list of pastors whose field is 100% for The Baptist Record. He recently sent a list from Pleasant Hill church, Leake county. His explanation of how they adopted it was thus: "I presented the EVERY FAMILY Plan at Pleasant Hill and the people gladly accepted it."

Pastor Byram is now living on the field and all the churches have The Baptist Record as a part of their program.

Concerning the Record he writes: "We like the Record and know it is a great help, since it has proved so in my other churches."

Leake county Record readers are now listed as follows: CARTHAGE 138, CEDAR GROVE 40, Dossville 3, LENA 74, Hurricane Creek 8, Bethel 1, McDONALD 19, MADDEN 24, MIDWAY 29, Mt. Carmel 11, New Hope 5, NEW PROSPECT 15, NEW PROVIDENCE 18, Sanding Pine 4, THOMAS-TOWN 65, TUSCOLA 39, WALNUT GROVE 57, MARS HILL 33, Good Hope 2, County Line 2, Union Ridge 9, MT. PLEASANT 22, Freeny 9, SALEM 39, Sunrise 8, CORINTH 48, PLEASANT HILL 17.

Crystal Springs

While the pastor Joe T. Odle, was in Kentucky we had the privilege of supplying at Crystal Springs. Good crowds attended both morning and night and the deacons sat on the front seats. The work is prospering and the pastor continues to grow in the affections of his people. We had the pleasure of being the dinner guest of Deacon and Mrs. W. L. Green. Deacon Robinson, his mother and wife, along with the editor, enjoyed supper as guests of Mrs. Odle.

Copiah county Record readers are listed as follows: BETHEL 44; CARPENTER 31, COUNTY LINE 32, CRYSTAL SPRINGS 284, GALLMAN 27, GALILEE 16, GATESVILLE 12, GEORGETOWN 34, Harmony 2, Hazlehurst 73, HOPEWELL 33, NEW PROVIDENCE 20, NEW ZION 67, PINE BLUFF 36, Mission Hill 1, PILGRIM'S REST 51, PLEASANT HILL 14, POP-LAR SPRINGS 19, ROCKPORT 3, SARDIS 33, SHADY GROVE 49, SPRING HILL 75, STRONG HOPE 52, Wesson 23, SMYRNA 20, Damascus 10, ANTIOCH 14, SYLVARENA 44.

Thompson Church is EVERY FAMILY

One of the most recent EVERY FAMILY churches is Thompson church in Pike county. The pastor who preaches in the afternoon is Rev. Fred T. Bookter of McComb. Pastor Bookter is a firm believer in The Baptist Record and is to be congratulated in leading this church to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan. O. L. Wells recently wrote for information and the EF list followed.

Pike county Record readers are listed as follows: THOMPSON 18, Bluff Springs 2, Bala Chitto 1, BOGUE CHITTO 31, Central 44, EAST McCOMB 261, FERNWOOD 51, Friendship 24, Holmesville 3, McComb First 69, MAGNOLIA 86, Mt. Zion 3, OSYKA 88, Progress 3, Silver Creek 34, SOUTH SIDE McCOMB 96, SUMMIT 88, TANGIPAHOA 84, TERRY'S CREEK 71, UNION 40, JOHNSTON 29, Navilla 1, SILVER SPRINGS 55.

Thrasher is Number 759

Under the leadership of Pastor J. D. Thompson, Thrasher church has adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan and now 34 families receive The Baptist Record each week. Dr. Thompson preaches at this church in connection with his full time pastorate at Booneville.

Prentiss county now has Record readers as follows: THRASHER 34, BOONEVILLE 139, MT. OLIVE 25, OS-BURN CREEK 36, Pine Grove 2, Pleasant Grove 2, WHEELER 23, GASTON 13.

Wesson

While Pastor Zeno Wells was in a meeting at Mobile, we had the pleasure of preaching for the first time at Wesson. The house was almost full for the morning service and a good crowd was on hand for the evening service. The work is progressing and a new building is in prospect. They have accumulated a building fund of \$6,000 and it continues to grow.

Fair Notice

One county reports every church on The Baptist Record EVERY FAMILY list except one. Who will be first to be 100%?

Fellowship church, Lauderdale county, according to Mrs. G. V. Richardson, church reporter, has adopted the Minister's Retirement Plan. A Sunday school has been organized as well as a prayer meeting.

Joe Tribble of Cascilla and treasurer of New Life church, Tallahatchie county, sends a nice list of renewals from that good church.

We are grateful for a nice list of subscriptions from Bethany church, Marshall county. Rev. H. Z. Huffstatter is pastor and Enlistment Pastor J. B. Ray helped.

Falkner List Jumps From 12-81 Under Leadership of Rev. Rakestraw

Rev. Clark Rakestraw is a firm believer in the Baptist Record. In the last few months he has been instrumental in leading several churches to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

Recently he became pastor at Falkner and in a few days an additional list of 69 names came making the list jump from 12-81. From a member of the church we also learn he is also leading forward in other ways as well.

Tippah County Record readers are now listed as follows: CHALYBEATS 42; BLUE MOUNTAIN 126; Dumas 2; FALKNER 81; Fellowship 2; HARMONY 20; MT. HEBRON 18; MT. OLIVE 36; PINE GROVE 41; PLEASANT HILL 26; PROVIDENCE 77; RIP-

FORREST (WOODY) WATKINS
WITH BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Miss Lois Page, formerly of Magnolia, Mississippi, and Mr. Forrest (Woody) Watkins of Albany, Ga., are directors of religious, musical and fellowship activities on the campus of the Baptist Orphanage. Miss Page, teacher of the fifth and sixth grades

LEY 77; TIPLERSVILLE 21; WALNUT 42; Whitten Town 9.

DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR

November

Final Now Club Victory Month. Pastors' and Laymen's Conference

—November 13.

State Convention Mississippi Baptists—November 14-16.

Every Member Canvass—1945 Budget.

Appreciation Month.

Offering—Baptist Orphanage.

Special Thanksgiving Program in All Churches.

Baptist Record Month.

Cooperative Program Emphasis.

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Daily Bible Readings.

Mississippi Baptists: Debt FREE!—1944.

S. S.—Building Sunday School Attendance.

W. M. U.-R. A. Focus Week—November 5-10.

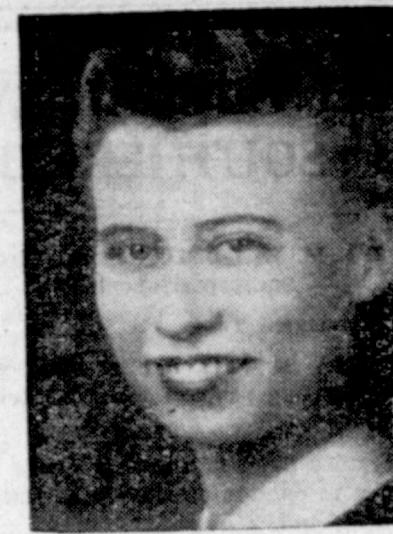
Preparation for Foreign Mission Season of Prayer.

B. T. U.—Appreciation Month—Special Recognition of Groups or Individuals.

Special Thanksgiving Programs.

State Workers Available for Banquets, Special Programs or Enlargement Campaigns.

Associational Officers and Leaders Conferences.



MISS LOIS PAGE

in the Carter School, also teaches public school music. She plans attractive weekly programs for the Sunday school and directs a choir of forty voices.

Mr. Watkins attends Mississippi College, but resides at the Orphanage, working directly with the boys. A musician and youth leader he is in charge of B. T. U. activities and prayer services. Before coming to Jackson, Miss. Page directed public school music and band in Magnolia and Mr. Watkins was a student at the Practical Bible School, Binghampton, N. Y., appearing here last March with the League of Many Nations.

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CENTENNIAL EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE, SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

DR. M. E. DODD, General Director
Shreveport, Louisiana

A Movement To—

Mobilize Southern Baptist men, women and young people for the Master, and to

Organize them into orderly bands in order to operate effectively as soul winners, and,

Vitalize them by praying for a visitation of the Holy Spirit and with vigorous personal and public proclamation of the gospel to

Evangelize! Evangelize! Evangelize! in every nook and corner from Maryland to Southern California until every person has had an opportunity to

Hear About, Believe On and Confess JESUS CHRIST AS SAVIOUR AND LORD

Object: To win one million souls to Christ.

Motto Text: "We preach Christ Crucified," I Cor. 1:23.

Method: Two Win One. All Church Members Paired—

Two Prayer Partners—Matthew 18:19.

Two Working Partners—Mark 6:7.

Song: "Win One Today."

I. Mobilization

—1944—

To mobilize all Southern Baptist forces and resources for a Crusade to win one million souls to Christ will require the energetic effort of every responsible denominational leader, South-wide, state-wide and associational. Every pastor and church leader will have to pray fervently and work diligently at the task of arousing the conscience, awakening the interest and stimulating the will of themselves and other members for the winning of souls. The intellectual, moral and spiritual resources of all Baptists must be mobilized for the imperative and inescapable responsibility of winning souls to Christ. There are fifteen million people in the territory of our Southern Baptist Convention over nine years of age who have made no profession of faith in Christ. 700,000 of them are enrolled in our Baptist Sunday schools. God's Book says they are "lost," "guilty," "condemned," and "dead in trespasses and sins." With all of our Baptist brag, intellectual acumen, social standing and financial force it took twenty-seven Southern Baptists twelve months (1943) to win just one soul to Christ. Can it be possible that our love to Christ is so cold and our concern for lost souls is so weak? God's clock has struck. It is time for us to rub our sleepy eyes wide open, get up and get together at the titanic and timely task of winning more, and more, and more, and more, and more souls to Christ. That is right, five times more than we did last year, if we win a million. And when we have done that, then think of the fourteen million who will still be left out.

II. Organization

We know that God's work is not done

successfully by the shrewd schemes and crafty ideas of bright minds, not by might nor by power but by the Holy Spirit, saith the Lord. But some organization is necessary if we are to fight as an army and not as a mob. And Christ both practiced and approved organization. Both, the machinery of the engine, and the steam in the boiler, are necessary to useful service. New organization will be kept to a minimum for this Crusade and all existing organization and personnel will be used as far as possible and as much as they are willing.

1. Southwide:

- (1) General director, Dr. M. E. Dodd, Shreveport.
- (2) General staff, Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Dr. W. H. Knight, Dr. T. L. Holcomb.
- (3) Cooperating agencies, all Southern Baptist Convention Boards, Departments and Institutions.

2. Statewide:

- (1) The state Executive Secretary.
- (2) A state director.
- (3) A state Crusade committee.

3. Associational:

- (1) The moderator.
- (2) The association or city missionary.
- (3) An association Crusade committee.

4. Each Church:

- (1) The pastor, associate pastor and staff.
- (2) A church Crusade committee.
- (3) A band of personal soul winners of at least ten percent of the church membership.

III. Vitalization

1. Lord's Day, December 31. All day services of contrition, confession and consecration. 9:00 a. m., Sunday school officers and teachers; 9:45, Sunday school classes; 10:50, pastor and people; afternoon, open church house for personal prayer; evening, Training Union use suggested program; annual B. S. U. service; watchnight service, ending 12:01 a. m., with rededication of self, substance and service to the Saviour.

Centennial (1945) Year

1. January—

(1) During January and February, distribute tracts at each church service on the spiritual life, soul winning, the plan of salvation, etc. They may be had from the State Board, the Sunday School Board and/or the Home Mission Board.

(2) January 1-5, a week of prayer for all denominational causes.

(3) January 15-19, "All-Church School of Evangelism," in each church, with classes for every member.

Book approved for study course credits:

For Juniors:

"The Junior and His Church," Roop. "Living for Jesus," Allen.

For Intermediates:

"Witnessing for Christ," Williams.

Five Million Southern Baptists Gigantic Spiritual Centennial

Three Hundred Thousand (300,000) Mississippians Join In

For Young People:

"Winning Others to Christ," Leavell.

For Adults:

"The Plan of Salvation," Crouch.

"A Winning Witness," Dobbins.

"Soul Winning Doctrines," Turner.

"How to Win to Christ," Burroughs.

"The Way Made Plain," Brooks.

For W. M. U.:

"Helping Others to Become Christians," Leavell.

"Talks with Soul Winners," Mullins.

For Y. W. A.:

"Winning Others to Christ," Leavell.

Young People and Adult Training Union members may get credit on any of these books during this special school. A school will be considered Standard if the teaching is one hour and twenty minutes in length, or two periods of 45 minutes each, for W. M. U. 40 minutes. It is suggested that the following schedule be adopted:

7:00 to 8:20 p. m.—Class period.

8:30—General assembly for an inspirational address.

Or, in reverse order:

7:00 to 7:30—One song. One prayer. Inspirational address on evangelism.

7:35 to 8:55—Class period.

(4) HOUR OF POWER SERVICE, every Wednesday night, with testimonies and with special prayers for the sick, the lost, the church and denominational work, the men and women in the armed forces, and for the Evangelistic Crusade.

(5) Cottage prayer meetings throughout the church membership, one week preceding crusade arranged by Woman's Missionary Society.

(6) All day prayer meeting on Wednesday preceding church Crusade from 7:30 a. m. to 7:30 p. m., conducted by the deacons, in periods of equal length for each. All who will to attend all the periods they can. All-church-service at 7:30 p. m., led by the pastor.

(7) A request to all shut-ins that they pray daily for the pastor, the church, the Crusade leaders and for a revival.

(8) Beginning January 1, every Baptist read a Psalm each day, finishing May 30. 150 Psalms in 150 days. Five million Baptists reading the same Psalm on the same day. Think of it!

(9) Pastors and people read as many books as possible on evangelism and soul winning. We recommend: "Evangelism Today," by Zwemer; "Fishing for Men," Ellis; "The Romance of Evangelism," Leavell; "Evangelism in the New Age," DeBlois; "Soul Winning Doctrines," Turner; "The Unchangeable Light," Latourett; "A Quest for Souls," Truett; "God's Great Soul Winners," Basil Millet;

"Evangelism for Today," Cartwright; "Evangelism in the Home Church," Blackwood.

(10) January 21-27—Religious census by each church with material and assistance from the Sunday School Board and state forces. Each census taker to leave Christian tracts at each personal soul

call.

(11) Pastors preach on topics of vital personal relationship to God, such as association, various phases of salvation, history and June—

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plans and six dates for: (1) Vacation

Bible school, (2) Evangelistic meet

ing in the church, (3) Extension meet

ings outside the church. Too late and "Home Dedi

too little is a tragedy.

(2) Evangelistic services in all Baptist colleges, and evangelistic efforts by B. S. U. in non-Baptist colleges.

(3) Evangelistic conferences.

IV. Evangelization

3. March and April—

(1) City or association-wide evangelistic crusades.

Rural church

(2) March 4, "Join the Church Day" for all unaffiliated Baptists that the

may be assets and not liabilities to us, Brotherhoods

the Crusade.

(3) March 6, simultaneous Southwide extension cru

MAIN OBJECTIVES THE CENTENNIAL

J. E. DILLARD

Every objective in the Centennial Crusade is high, noble, and challenging; when taken together they constitute the greatest spiritual undertaking in the history of Southern Baptists. We ought

1. A million more souls won for Christ. This is about five times as many as we won last year. It is an impossible goal, but it calls for a prayerful, patient, pastoral, personal protracted, and perennial evangelism and

2. A million more souls enlisted for the work of our churches for Christ. We want all our people in all our work. The time to enlist people is now at least \$200,000. Each church

3. A million more taught of Christ state causes. Baptists must know if they grow and glow and go. Christian education must begin in the home and go otherwise designated through the church and all its organizations. And our colleges, seminaries, and training schools must be strengthened and enlarged.

4. We want to rebuild war's wreckage, especially upon the foreign field where our stations have been closed

Baptists Go Forward In a Centennial Crusade Work

Baptists Join In This Greatest All-Time Movement

Day school conferences in each

April-May-June, Southwide radio

and as

April 1-8, "Youth Week." Use it

personal soul winning.

April 24, simultaneous Southwide

Training Union conferences in each

such association.

Evangelistic Crusades in full-time

village and country churches.

Evangelism in Vacation Bible

Vacation schools.

May 6-13, "Christian Home Week,"

Training Union and Sunday school,

"Home Dedications," throughout

the year.

May 4, W. M. U. Convention, Bir-

ingham.

May 7, Southern Baptist Pastors'

Annual Conference, Atlanta, Ga.

May 8-13, Southern Baptist Cen-

ennial Convention in Atlanta.

July-August-September—

Rural church Crusades arranged

through state secretary, crusade di-

rector, association leaders and pas-

ters, Brotherhoods and W. M. U.

Each church to sponsor one or

more extension crusades in churchless

communities in city and country, us-

ing tent, brush arbor, school house,

hall, open air, utilizing ministerial

students, retired ministers, laymen,

Training Union and B. S. U. groups,

and furloughed foreign missionaries.

(3) Vacation Bible school evangelism.

(4) Meetings in penal institutions,

open air, and street meetings.

(5) Airplane, railroad, bus and ship

evangelism, personal and public.

(6) Radio, hitch-hiking, tract and

Victrola evangelism.

(7) State secretaries and association

leaders arrange for meeting in

churches which had no baptism last

year, 6000.

(8) Conserve results of meeting at its

close by setting up program for train-

ing in church membership.

(9) Sept. 9-16—"Intermediate Week,"

with emphasis on Evangelism.

6. October and November—

(1) Gleanings-reaching every place

not hitherto touched.

(2) At least one evangelistic meeting

in each children's home, Baptist hos-

pital and goodwill center.

(3) Supplemental meetings in the

church by pastor and people for men,

women, youth and children.

(4) November—Baptist Thanksgiving

and "Faith of Our Fathers Service"

in each church or by groups of

churches.

V. Utilization

7. December—

Enlist every member, new and old, in financial support of local church work and of all denominational enterprises through the Baptist Cooperative Program.

VI. Specialization

1. That Baptist chaplains strive to win 100,000 among their men.

2. That pastors write their members in service informing them of this Crusade and requesting their prayers for the home forces. That they be urged to make efforts in behalf of the salvation of their comrades.

3. That churches release their pastors for at least two extra meetings during the year.

4. That W. M. S.'s (1) arrange and conduct cottage prayer meetings during week preceding Evangelistic Crusade in their church, (2) cooperate in the School of Evangelism, (3) stress soul winning in Community Mission programs, and (4) have a week of Women's Evangelistic services in October or November.

5. That Brotherhoods arrange for and sponsor extension meetings in cooperation with pastor and church, cooperate in School of Evangelism, conduct extension services, sponsor mission Sunday schools and do continuous soul winning.

6. That every evangelist preach one sermon during Crusade on Stewardship and Christian Growth.

7. That part-time churches hold services on pastor's off Sundays, led by laymen, and that invitation for decision and church membership be given.

8. That all churches adopt one day and evening each week, preferably Thursday, for visitation of unenlisted and prospective members, and for personal soul winning.

PASTORS TO LEAD IN THE CENTENNIAL CRUSADE FROM THEIR KNEES

Dear Brother Pastor:

My highest hopes for realizing the ultimate goal of one million souls in the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade are focused upon you. We pastors must pray and preach and plead and teach and reason and lead for soul winning as never before, if 1945 is to be the year of evangelism that all of us wish to see. And we must create in our people the spirit and the will to win souls.

A million souls won to Christ in one year is a high objective. It is five times as many as Southern Baptists won last year. Whether we reach that goal, or go beyond it, is not primarily to the point, but whether each one of us does his dead level best to reach his own responsibilities, that is of supreme importance. To this end I PROPOSE FOR US PASTORS:

1. That we humble our own hearts before God, confess our own sins to Him and our faults to one another, that we may be vessels meet for the Master's use, filled with the Holy Spirit, empowered and impassioned for this extraordinary service.
2. That we utilize the Lord's Day, December 31, to the fullest. All day services of **contrition, confession and consecration**: 9:00 a. m., Sunday school officers and teachers; 9:45, Sunday school classes; 10:50, pastor and people; afternoon, open church for personal prayer; evening, Training Union use suggested program; annual B. S. U. service; watchnight service, ending 12:01 a. m. with rededication of self, substance and service to the Saviour, making every effort to get every member of the church to the house of worship on that day, if not for the public service, at some other hour to pray privately.
3. That we insist upon our deacons, trustees, Sunday school teachers and all other church officers, together with every possible member, attending the "All-Church-School of Evangelism," January 15-19, and then going out on each Thursday to visit and to win people to Christ and the church.
4. That we make soul winning central and supreme in all church services and departmental meetings during the entire year, asking the Sunday school teachers to turn every lesson to bear on winning pupils to Christ; and making our sermons to bear less on generalities, and more on the personal relationship of the people to God.
5. That we have baptismal services every Sunday during the year (or on preaching service days in part-
9. That Sunday school classes use material on "Plan of Salvation" on Sunday preceding Crusade, in their church.
10. That pastors in county seat towns hold open air services and distribute tracts on Saturdays.
11. That Training Unions train especially for soul winning by going full length for the All Church School of Evangelism January 15-19.
12. That Sunday school officers and teachers go all out for the All Church School of Evangelism.

VII. Realization

Convention resolutions and leadership plans are effective only so far as the workers in the churches make them. Congress declares war, the general staff maps the plans, but it is the fighters in the field who win battles.

The above plans for the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade represent the best thinking of several hundred Southern Baptists over a period of several weeks, and after many conferences and much

time churches) and that we observe the Lord's Supper once each month, reading the Church Covenant (copies at Baptist Book Store) each time, and preaching often on the significance of the ordinances to spiritual life.

6. That we call a moratorium on ministerial gossip, and instead of criticizing the weak points of our brethren that we commend their strong points and pray God to help them in all temptations and weaknesses.

7. That we conduct at least two special evangelistic meetings in our church during the year and at least one extension meeting in a hall, tent, or elsewhere, and that we conduct mission Sunday schools in every available place, as evangelizing agencies. (I have baptized 72 from one of our mission churches during the last twelve months.)

8. That we enter into solemn covenant with God and with one another that we will personally speak to some one each day of 1945 about Christ and the church and will make an honest effort to win one soul each week. If each Baptist preacher in the Southern Baptist Convention does this, that will be a million whether anybody else wins any or not. But to do this will require self-discipline, resolute purpose, much prayer and continuous effort.

9. That we preach more sermons in 1945 than in any previous year of our ministry. (I have averaged eight per week for 30 years—but maybe I can top that next year.)

10. That we make a new declaration of ministerial independence from "serv- ing tables," and give ourselves more to "prayer and the ministry of the Word," and that we read more devotional, doctrinal and evangelism books.

11. That we pray for one another each day of 1945.

I hereby agree, by God's grace and help, to do the above eleven things. Will you? Pray about it and write to me. Yes, I want a letter from every Baptist preacher in the Southern Baptist Convention. Write me anything else you think should be done. Write me whatever you will.

These days of destiny and hours of opportunity demand that all of us live at our biggest and best for Christ and the church at all times.

With Christian love, prayers and best wishes.

Cordially yours,

M. E. DODD.

correspondence. They are not theories but they come out of practical experience. They are only suggestions at the best. But we believe that the fullest results will be achieved, with the greatest glory to God and satisfaction to ourselves if these plans are followed and carried out by all our pastors and people. No army would win a victory if each division, or regiment or company should say, "We think some other way and some other time is better," and then go their own several ways.

However, the object is to win souls, one million of them, which means for each pastor and each church just five times as many as they won and baptized last year, and if one can win more souls by some other plans, then we say all right, well and good; we shall rejoice with you and God bless you and reward you.

Whatever way we work, let it be in demonstration and power of the Holy Spirit, continuous, constant, compassionate, considerate, consecrated for Christ and the church.

JOIN THE CENTENNIAL CRUSADE

property destroyed, and our

forced out.

We want to revive the scriptural

challenge of self and substance. This is

the good of the individual, the

spiritual welfare of the work, and the glory of

the church. We ought to enroll a million

persons.

We want to relieve humanity's

problems, especially by caring for home-

less children through our orphanages,

sick and suffering through our

hospitals, and our aged ministers and

missionaries and their dependent

families through our Relief and An-

titute Board.

We have set our hearts upon

people living at least \$20,000,000 during the

Centennial year. We need \$10,000,000

Southwide causes and \$10,000,000

state causes. All state and south-

wide organizations and agencies will

work together. All receipts, unless

otherwise designated, will be divided

according to Co-operative Program

percentages.

Up to now the Lord blessed us;

therefore let every one do his best.

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A great and noble woman has been called to her reward. The going of Miss Frances Traylor, for years our most efficient W. M. U. secretary, has left us wondering why! But it is not ours to question the judgments of our Lord. We all loved Miss Traylor. She was a friend of all and was interested in all phases of our denominational work. There has never been anything but mutual interest in the W. M. U. and Training Union Departments. We lament her going but take courage in the thought that her work goes on forever.

AUBER J. WILDS.

STATE JUNIOR APPROVED WORKER AND DISTRICT LEADER COOPERATE IN EXTENSION WORK

Neshoba County News carries the account of a special piece of extension work done by Mrs. E. S. Cole, state approved Junior leader, and Miss Jimmie Land, district leader for District Eight. They took a group of the Pastor's Pals Junior Union of the Philadelphia church out to the Good Hope church and there not only organized a Junior Union, but a Training Union with all five departments. The Juniors put on a demonstration program after which the officers were elected and the work started off to a good beginning. Newton DeWeese was elected director; Lloyd Tullos, associate director; Mrs. Docia Webb, secretary; Mrs. Ada Clark, musician; Mrs. C. D. Webb, Adult president; Mrs. Ruby King, Young People's counselor; Mrs. B. W. Smith, assistant Y. P. counselor; Mrs. Oma Dell Franklin, Intermediate Leader; Ava D. DeWeese, Junior leader; Mrs. Lloyd Tullos, Story Hour leader; Mrs. Lorena DeWeese, associate Story Hour leader. Congratulations and best wishes to this new Union.

Neshoba County Association plans an enlargement campaign for all the churches in April. Associational Missionary Kenneth G. Hall is an all-round leader. He believes in every phase of the denominational life and pushes every bit of it in his work. This year they had a Sunday School Enlargement Campaign, and gave special emphasis to Vacation Bible Schools this summer. Along with this Training Union came in for a fair emphasis. As our leaders go, so goes the work.

Training Union work is bound to make unusual progress in Mississippi as our associations add a full time worker. Some eight or ten of the associations have done this and these (now called missionaries—wouldn't a better term be promotional director, or educational director?) workers give themselves to developing a full denominational program in the association. No doubt each of these men will be planning for enlargement campaigns, may we urge every

CIVILIAN STUDENTS INCREASE AT MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

The new term at Mississippi College opened Nov. 1st with the Navy V-12 unit reduced to 250 but with a considerable increase in the number of civilian students. Among the improvements which are being made, a course in Home Economics is being started under the direction of Misses Vonda Webb and Frances Jackson, who for the last year have been the dietitians at Jennings Hall. A large number of girls have already enrolled in this important course.

At the first chapel service of the term, the new piano director, Miss Jemmie Vardaman, thrilled the audience with such brilliant rendition of several piano numbers that applause was hearty and encore demanded. Even those who ordinarily do not care for classical music were charmed and delighted. Mississippi College students are most fortunate to be able to get music lessons under a conservatory teacher at prices less than is charged in many colleges in this and neighboring states. Miss Vardaman has taught for a number of years in the Cincinnati Conservatory and has done piano solo work in practically every state in the Union and in Canada. She did not seek this position but the position sought her.

Mr. Ellis Neece Elsey, who is to direct the voice, harmony, chorus and orchestra, was unable to reach Clinton till Saturday but is beginning his work this week. He is to be assisted by Mrs. Elsey. Mississippi College is indeed fortunate to be able to secure

GULF COAST BAPTISTS RECORD 131 ADDITIONS

We were all happy over the fine meeting of the Gulf Coast Association. I have been here going on sixteen years and I felt that it was our best. Gains were made all along the line. Here are just a few figures to indicate the growth of the work on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Total value of church property—\$385,350.

Total contributions to local causes—\$39,650.

Total contributions to all missions—\$11,773.

Total baptisms—131.

Total membership in all churches—4,283.

One new church was organized and received into the association. Many other things might be mentioned but the above facts will give some idea of the great growth of Baptist work on the Mississippi coast. It is my conviction that The Baptist Record had a lot to do with this growth. I know it has been a wonderful help in my work. It was good to have you with us.

Don't forget to pray for our meeting.—W. S. Allen, clerk.

Macon church, R. D. Pearson, pastor, average \$28.21 per member during the past associational year. The per capita gifts for outside causes were \$6.10. There were 41 additions during the year

the services of these talented musicians and charming personalities.

M. P. L. BERRY.

AUBER J. WILDS, State Secretary
MISS RUTH LOFTIN, Young People
MISS LOUISE HILL, Rural Emphasis
MISS NELLA DEAN MITCHELL, Office

church to cooperate thus bringing the blessing to your community.

MCINNIS BEGINS SIXTH YEAR AS ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTOR OF LEBANON ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to the Lebanon Association as they elect for the sixth time Rev. Garland McInnis as their associational director. Mr. McInnis is a favorite among young and old in the Baptist churches of Lebanon Association. He has proved himself their friend as he has led in a progressive program for Training Union work. They have their regular quarterly meetings on Monday night following the first Sunday in each quarter. The last meeting was held in the Lumberton church with fourteen churches represented by 224 individuals. Officers for the coming year were elected and are as follows—Director, Rev. Garland McInnis; associate director, L. V. Murray; secretary, Miss Helen Trigg; chorister, W. C. Carpenter; pianist, Miss Omega Ford; pastor-advisor, Rev. Troy Sumrall; Adult leader, Mrs. J. C. Delk; Young People's leader, Mrs. W. B. Foster; Intermediate leader, Miss Ghita McGee; Junior leader, Mrs. Earl McGilvery; Story Hour leader, Mrs. Owen Hulsey; group directors, Miss Ona Mae Willingham, Miss Annie Averett, Mrs. J. O. Williams. The next meeting will be held with the Immanuel Baptist Church, Hattiesburg. The Carterville church led in efficiency for last quarter and also led in attendance at the last meeting and thus won two of the three banners awarded.

Thanks to Mrs. J. H. Aldridge, church correspondent of the Kossuth Baptist Church, Alcorn county, for the information that they have recently reorganized their Training Union work. Mr. Charles Deaton was elected to the office of director. We take pleasure in adding this union to our list. It is already the unpopular thing for a church not to have a fully graded Training Union.

Sarepta church, Franklin county, joins the ranks of Training Union churches. A card from their pastor, Rev. N. W. Carpenter, Jr., says, "We organized five departments with a nice number enrolled in each. Mrs. O. K. Germany was elected director. They start right by getting tracts on the duties of each officer that these officers may know what their work is and how best to do it.

Many changes are being made in our associations regarding the leaders. We will run here a list of the directors as soon as we have the list complete. We are working hard to get every one of the 70 associations in the state organized. We are well on the way to having this task complete. There are a few associations that have not reported to us the names of the newly elected officers. We seek through our training unions to help "Crown a Century for Christ" in 1945.

THE EUNOMIANS AT BLUE MOUNTAIN

College were awarded the Scholastic Plaque for last session. The award was presented by President Lawrence T. Lowrey at general assembly and was received by Miss Mary D. Leavell, president of the Eunomians.

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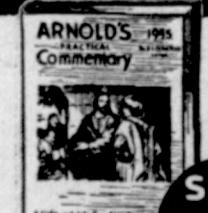


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Don't Err Here

Leaders, please do not err in the books that give credit on the Sunday school diploma.

For the most part they are the same as they have been since October 1, 1934, when the new course began. However, a few changes were made, effective the first of July 1944.

PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY: "Personal Factors in Character-Building," "Some Learning Processes," "Looking at Learning" and "Sunday School Officers and Their Work" are NOT diploma book now, but seal credits instead.

In their places as diploma books we have "What Baptists Believe," "Soul-Winning Doctrines" and "The Improvement of Teaching in the Sunday School." Also, the administration department books are not diploma books now but the teaching department books may be used for either diploma or seal credits. If for diploma credits, they come only in Group IV.

Free new leaflets on the latest changes in the course are available on request.

Cradle Roll and Nursery

Another change that has been made this year—and a wise one indeed it is—is that of having the Cradle Roll only for those children, birth through three, who do not attend Sunday school, and the nursery for the children birth through three who do attend. About the only thing new about this is the terms in designating the two groups; we have been doing practically that anyway. It is certainly a wise change and one that is destined to be of great benefit especially to the small Sunday schools. It is not necessary to have any space in the church building for the Cradle Roll since that work is done in the homes, and is for those children who do not attend. We do plan space in the church for the nursery, which is for those who attend. Free new literature is also available on request for this change in this age group.

Please Don't Forget

Remember, this is registration time again, so please register your class and department. This is to be done every year now in order to keep an up to date record of teachers and department superintendents. To all registered classes and departments there will be sent written messages and helpful literature from Nashville about twice each year. Cards for registering your class or department may be had free on request. We hope you will do this at once so we will get you at the beginning of the new Sunday school year.

These Adults

By far the largest part of our Sunday school constituency is adults. In fact, we have more of them than all the others combined. Therefore, no school can hope to teach anything like a fair proportion of its pupils unless ample provision is made in space, organization, and promotion for the adults.

In the South there are fourteen million adults who are not in Sunday school. We also have forty-four per cent of the adult church members not enrolled in Sunday school. In Mississippi we have 157,000 resident

church members not enrolled in Sunday school and at least 90% of these are adults.

People who are not in Sunday school getting the Bible teaching and spiritual blessings offered are not worth a great deal to the promotion of the Lord's work. Bible study as a fairly regular thing is essential to the most fruitful Christian life. Our Sunday schools are set up and run for the purpose of giving this regular Bible teaching to our people. This great number of adults who are not in Bible study, and, therefore, making but little contribution in any way to the advancement of the cause of Christ, constitute one of the greatest handicaps, and at the same time one of the greatest opportunities, of Southern Baptists.

Functioning adult Bible classes and departments will help greatly to reduce these figures of unenlisted adults. How we do need literally thousands of additional Bible classes and departments for these adults.

Grading and Promoting

One of the encouraging signs of progress in adult work is that of grading and promoting them just like we do the other age groups. There is just as much reason and need for promoting and grading adults as for others. The benefits that come to one come to all. A great number of our schools are actually grading and promoting adults just as definitely and consistently as they are the other departments. This is done, of course, on the regular Promotion Day, the last Sunday in September of each year, getting ready for the new year.

Grading and promoting adults must become a definite policy of our schools. It will take time and education to do this, but do it we must and will. The old order passes and the new enters. Begin now to create sentiment in your workers' meetings for it. Organize or reorganize your classification and enlargement program; determine age range of present classes of proper age range only, looking to Promotion Day next year. If our teachers and officers are thoroughly committed to this it will greatly help and speed the day when this important part of the work will become a reality.

Three new leaflets, "Adult Night," "Grading Adults," and "Promoting Adults," are being printed and we hope to have a supply of them before long. They are free on request. Let us know if you want some.

The Leaders

For the Sunday school year just closed, the churches in Mississippi that led in the total number of Sunday school training awards earned during the year are: Philadelphia, West Laurel, Jackson Griffith Memorial, Meridian First, Jackson First.

The awards by associations for the first five are: Hinds-Warren, Neshoba, Lincoln, Lauderdale and Sunflower.

We congratulate the leaders in these churches and associations on the emphasis they are placing on the important item of training for better Sunday schools. Success comes only through thorough training.

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ATTENTION, SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS!

Much of the responsibility for the Baptist Orphanage's Thanksgiving effort has been put upon the Sunday Schools. You are its leader. Be sure to secure the active help of church members who may not be in Sunday School. Please organize by departments, set goals, and make a real thing of this.

ATTENTION, MISSIONARY SOCIETY PRESIDENTS!

The promotion of Thanksgiving gifts for the Orphanage offers you a fine opportunity for letting your influence and that of the Auxiliaries be felt throughout the whole Church. An offering from every Society and Auxiliary would be of great assistance.

ATTENTION, MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS!

If you do not have an opportunity to attend services of your Church when the Thanksgiving offering is made for the Orphanage, hand your gift to some official of the Church and ask that it be included or forward it by mail to Baptist Orphanage.

Mail your contributions to Dr. D. A. McCall, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi and mark same plainly designated for Orphanage or mail direct to Baptist Orphanage, P. O. Box 1045, Jackson, 109, Mississippi.

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THE LITTLE BAPTIST

(Continued From Page One) it makes no difference to me how many times the church has changed Christ's ordinances, I am to be governed by what I understand the Bible to say, and, so far, you have declined to assume that the Bible says one word about infant baptism, and have given no proof that it favors sprinkling or pouring for baptism."

"I have repeatedly told you, Mellie," said he, "that it does not in so many words command the baptism of infants, yet I think that it indirectly teaches it, and according to history, it was practiced a few centuries after the days of the apostles."

"You are a Greek scholar, doctor, and please to candidly answer me one question: Does the Greek word that means sprinkle occur in connection with baptism anywhere in the New Testament?"

He replied: "I candidly answer that I do not know that it does. But you should not think that the quantity of water makes any difference. Baptism is the application of water, and just so that water is used, it is sufficient—a little answers as well as much."

"O, I see!" said Mellie, as a new idea flashed into her mind. "I see now the difference; you believe that the virtue or significance of baptism is in the water, or in the application of water, while I believe that it is in an action performed in water. You believe that the application of water is beneficial to the subject, while I believe that the action in water only illustrates or symbolizes a benefit already received. I now better understand the language of the Confession of Faith where it speaks of baptism being a 'sign and seal,' etc. I never before realized the difference that there appears to be in the objects intended by Baptists and Pedobaptists. They do not baptize for the same purpose, I discover. But to give you my reasons for believing the Baptists to be right, would require me to go back over the same ground that we have already traveled in this discussion, and as I do not expect to convert you to my belief, I will only give you one or two illustrations, which, I think, are to the point. When Pilate could not prevail on the people to release Christ, and they 'cried out, crucify Him,' he took water and washed his hands in the presence of the multitude, and said: 'I am innocent of the blood of this just man.' Pilate declared his innocence by words, and emblematically illustrated the fact by the washing of his hands in, or with, water. The action spoke a language—it had a meaning—it was not to produce or insure his innocence, but to declare it. Again: To teach them a lesson of humility, Christ washed His disciples' feet. The illustration, the symbol, the emblematical import of the declaration was humility; but was this signified by the? Most assuredly not, but by the act itself. Now, could this lesson of humility have been impressed by pouring or sprinkling a few drops of water on the disciples' feet? or on their shoes only? Would this act have illustrated innocence or humility? No, but it would have come just as near to it as the sprinkling of a few drops of water on a lady's false hair and ribbons (as I saw the Methodist preached do) represents a death to sin and a resurrection to a new life. The more I investigate the two theories, the more they seem to diverge from each other. I am amazed at the difference."

"But, Mellie," replied Dr. Farnsworth, "baptism by pouring represents the pouring out of the Holy Spirit, and the water is emblematical of the influence of, or the purification of the Spirit. Don't you see how this is?"

"Yes," said Mellie, "I comprehend your idea of it. It seems to me that you assume to do a thing that can't be done. The Spirit is poured out, not in form, but only in power. You cannot tell how the Holy Spirit works, therefore you cannot illustrate its manner of working. That the wind blows, we know; of its power we know; but how it blows we do not know, nor can we illustrate it. Can you, by pouring a few drops of water, illustrate the manner in which the sun pours his rays down on the earth on a hot summer day? No; because you can conceive neither the shape, form nor manner of its action. Neither can you illustrate the manner of an act of the Holy Spirit. But immersion illustrates a professed fact, experimentally realized, an effect previously produced, and it beautifully illustrates some of the most important doctrines of the gospel. But I beg pardon, doctor, for talking so long, and will close by suggesting that we read the Bible thoroughly, and pray for more light on the subject."

Dr. Farnsworth arose, saying: "I see that you are joined to your idols, Mellie, so I may as well let you alone; but I hope that you, Sister Brown, will reconsider the matter and become convinced of the impropriety of expressing sentiments that you know to be prejudicial to our church."

"I have taken but little part in the discussion today," said Mrs. Brown, "because I preferred to listen rather than talk, but I have noticed one thing, especially; that is, that you rely but little on the Bible to support the usages of our church; and if I should say some things not endorsed by you, if the Bible sustains me in it, I think that I would be justifiable. It seems to me that if you have to go to history to support a practice of the church that the Bible says not one word about, you should not be surprised if people think very strange of you when you preach to them the duty of reading and obeying the Scriptures, and taking it as the man of their counsel. John Calvin was an honest man; he said that the original mode of baptism was immersion, but that the church had changed it to affusion. He received the Bible teachings on the subject, but thought that the church had the right to make the change. I don't believe that the church has any right to change one of Christ's ordinances. Then the great John Wesley, whose followers preach against immersion, said that it was 'the ancient manner of baptizing.' His writings are here in the library by the side of John Calvin's, and if you doubt what I say, you can get the books and read for yourself."

"I am much surprised, Sister Brown," said the doctor, "to find your mind in such a state. I had become convinced that Mellie would go off from us, but I must express my deep sorrow that you, too, will persist in speaking against the doctrines and usages of our church, as you are doing. Your own self-respect should cause you to say less, or voluntarily leave the church."

Mrs. Brown replied: "To God and my own conscience I appeal for the rectitude of my purpose and conduct; and as God will judge me in the last day, I shall make His book the guide for my future course. I will not let the church dictate to me what I shall

WEST LAUREL EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR RESIGNS

After serving fourteen months, O. F. Watts has resigned as educational director of West Laurel church in order to accept a similar position with the Allen Street church, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Mr. Watts, a graduate of Baptist Bible Institute, came to West Laurel from Franklin Avenue church, New Orleans. While at West Laurel he installed a full-graded music program and led in a forward looking religious educational system.

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Lesson for November 12 THE CHURCH DURING WAR AND PEACE

The New Commandment to Love All
Men and Obey Constituted
Authority
Isaiah 2:2-4; 9:6, 7; Matthew 5:43-48;
Romans 13:1-7

Introduction.

Now then, our committee has freedom to name a lesson what they choose to, but when I read a scripture passage with a view to finding what it teaches, and then find that someone has lugged in and attached to it a name that in no way describes it or gives a hint as to what it does indeed teach, I always remember the star-colored black boy whose nickname was "Snowball." The passages from Isaiah do have something to say about nations, but the printed text has no word to say of wars between nations and no hint to make to the effect that directions are being given as to how our soldiers in this war shall conduct themselves toward the soldiers of the enemy countries. Of course, the texts can be made to suggest that, but then, you can get anything out of a text, if you will first take the trouble to put it in. I shall ask you to read with me the passages and, if you like, I shall be happy to have you let me tell you, in barest outline, of course, what I think the passages teach.

I. The Glory of the "Latter Days."

Isaiah 2:2-4.

It is one of the many passages from which I take great comfort. When the latter days herein foretold by the prophet shall begin to dawn, how bright the world will be! Behold, ye, the new morning is glittering down the eastern steeps; fly, all ye hordes of darkness, from its stabbing beams of brilliance, let the enemies of God fly utterly, forsaking God's fair earth. Or "Shall they, and for how long?" I yield the beam to you, my dear millinarian brethren, both present and past, and ask only that you let me see the fair vision and rest secure in the conviction that He will bring it all to pass in such time and manner as pleases Him.

II. The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6, 7.

He came in the person of a babe born long since in Bethlehem. He went as it was written of Him, and came again as He declared He would just before He went away. In the person of His Holy Spirit, He is ever with us who have crowned Him, and He is coming back in glorious personal presence one day, and every eye shall see Him.

Prince of Peace is among His titles and that He is right now to all who bid Him enter and inhabit the heart, and arbitrate all its loves and laughter, its plans and performances. For mark you, He gives not peace as the world gives it, or anything; but He gives as God, the peace that passes all understanding, ye, all misunderstanding, a peace that yields tranquility in the midst of whirling winds and whelming floods of toil and tribulation, of agony, of anguish, antagonism, anger; and He does it here and now. Take it of Him now O sober

bing, sorrowful soul! It is yours for the yielding of the whole heart to Him.

III. The Most Difficult to Keep of All God's Commandments. Matthew 5:43-48.

Read the passage, and remember the heading of this division. There is no other commandment so hard to keep and observe as this. You have been wronged, slandered, lied upon, treated unjustly, and the scoundrel who thus wronged you gloats in his devilish delight at the sight of your suffering because of his doing you wrong. And he persists in wronging you, and will not desist or mitigate his unjust doings for all the dirt he has done you.

Well, has He treated you worse than you have treated God? But, and if you think he has, has he treated you worse than Adam and Judas treated God? Well, does God love them? Is there any man on earth or beneath it whom God does not love? Is His not the perfect love that triumphs over all obstacles, tramples all hatreds, persists in the midst of all antagonisms?

The love of God, the love that homes itself in the heart of God, is not simply a sentiment that expends itself in feeling, neither is it an attachment which is made and maintained by the attractiveness of any outward object; it is induced by no outward object. His love is part and parcel of His nature; we call it an attribute of God Himself. He loves because of what He is, and not because of what any other person does. This love of His is that in His nature in response to which He desires the good of all men, and desires that good in such measure and with such fervency as to lead Him to leave nothing within the Almighty power which is His undone to secure that good. The measure of His love to a hateful world was the gift of His Son for that world's salvation, the forgiveness of those who did that Son to death.

This, then, is perfect love; and it is to be the standard by which men are to gauge their own love. "Ye therefore shall be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect," Matt. 5:48. Love! That's what He's talking about, when He says, "Ye shall be perfect in your love toward all men, your enemies and all others, especially your enemies; because it is they whom it is hardest for you to love.

IV. The Virtue of Obedience to Constituted Authority. Romans 13:1, 2.

Over the entrance to the courthouse in my town is the inscription, "Obedience to the Law is Liberty." And at once present day youth wants to inquire, "What law?" But Paul does not take trouble to explain. He was a citizen of Rome during the time that great empire was holding the world in slavery with a bludgeon. If tradition may be trusted, Paul was beheaded by order of the emperor, Nero, and wrote this epistle during the reign of that unspeakable tyrant, yet he says we ought to pray for all those in authority in the state, and here he has written that we are to obey the officers of the civil government. For God has instituted civil government, because men need it, and the officers of the government are necessary if we are to live in any sort of endurable order. The sheriff of your county may not be the man of your choice for that office, but he is in it, and by virtue of that fact, he is God's man in an important place, the best man that men would let God have in that office. Respect that

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE November 5, 1944

	SS	BTU
New Albany, First	482	155
Calvary, Jackson	1,045	318
First, Jackson	1,127	286
Crystal Springs	565	182
Steen's Creek		53
Hardy	103	30
Harrisburg	168	58
Houkla (Chickasaw Co.)	70	58
Wallerlville	55	68
Roseland Park, Picayune	64	56
Glenfield (Union Co.)	64	45
West Laurel	468	165
Antioch (Jones Co.)	51	45
Bethlehem (Jones Co.)	76	47
Beulah (Jones Co.)	87	92
Summit		148
Rocky Creek (George Co.)	87	84
Tocowa (Panola Co.)	13	32
Olive Branch	63	22
Watts Memorial, Pascagoula	391	108
Tylertown	182	56
Ellison Ridge (Winston Co.)	129	76
Enon (Panola Co.)	45	52
First, Brookhaven	562	141
Moselle (Jones Co.)	51	64
Rocky Springs		18
Wellman (Lincoln Co.)	35	83
Parkway, Jackson	500	151
Griffith Memorial, Jackson	608	293
Crowder (Oct. 22)	92	100
Crowder (Oct. 29)	80	86
Crowder (Nov. 5)	110	130
Brookhaven (Oct. 29)	523	140
Steen's Creek (Oct. 29)		52
Moselle (Jones Co., Oct. 29)	57	60

office, then, and the man who is in it.

V. Relationship of Officers to People.

Romans 13:4.

"He is a minister of God to thee for good."

He may be unworthy of the high office he occupies, but he is in it by the vote of the people. Of course, it is the privilege of the Christian to oppose his continuance in office, but while a given officer is in, it is the Christian's duty to be subject to this officer in all lawful requirements.

Perhaps the best way in the world to remove a bad officer from office is to obey his orders, even as obedience to an unjust law is the best way to bring it into disrepute.

V. Exhortation to Duty. Romans 13:7.

"Render to all their dues." We pay taxes for the support of civil government, else we could not have it, and civil government has now come to perform functions in our civilization so many and important that our civilization could not subsist in its present form without we paid this tribute for its support.

But there may be in this passage a possibility of an application very personal. There is someone whom I owe: I ought to pay him his just claim against me. I might confess that I owe people whom I can not at the present time pay. But I am heartened by the memory that I have paid as many as I could, and I take new determination that I shall pay all I owe, if the good Lord lets me live and labor on for another while.

"Honor to whom honor." There are many of those. There is none of us who does not owe honor to some one or more. I bare my heart to the men who built the splendid building in which I preach His word. I cherish the memory of the man who taught me in the yesteryears. My heart is big with gratitude to the memory of the woman who showed me the beauties of Shakespeare, of Keats and Shelly, of Browning and Tennyson. I hallow in my heart the memory of old Doctor R. A. Venable, the man who guided my unskilled mind along the channel of Paul's imperial thought.

MISSISSIPPI CENTENNIAL DIRECTOR



DR. W. A. BELL

DR. W. A. BELL IS MISSISSIPPI CRUSADE DIRECTOR

After consultation and in cooperation with the State Executive Secretary, Dr. D. A. McCall, Dr. W. A. Bell, pastor of Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, has been appointed state director for Mississippi for the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade, according to an announcement by the general director, Dr. M. E. Dodd.

He has graciously accepted this appointment which bodes well for the success of the Crusade. He will work in full and close harmony with the Executive Secretary, and with the State Convention Committee on Evangelism.

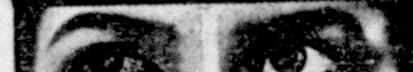
As director, he has been asked to see that the Crusade is represented in all group meetings; to do all things possible to promote interest in the Crusade; to contact the cities in the state which have two or more Baptist churches with reference to holding simultaneous meetings, and to report to the general director the goings-on of the Crusade in this state.

We commend this brother beloved to the brotherhood-at-large in the full assurance that he will have the prayers and cooperation of all our pastors, leaders and members in promoting the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade.

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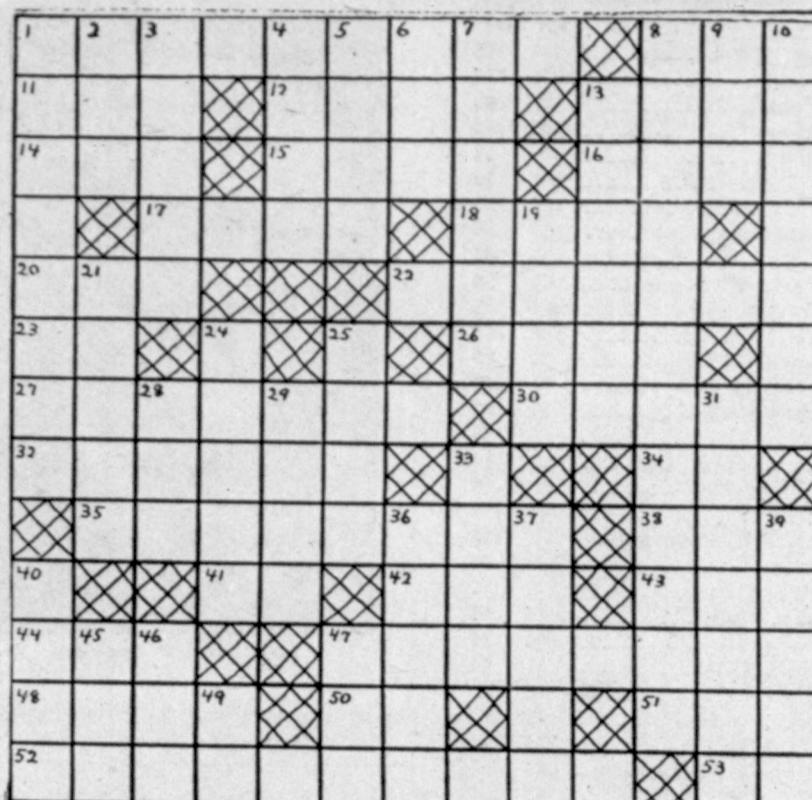
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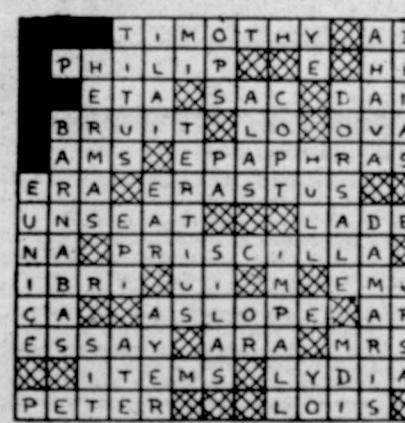
THE SEVEN CHURCHES
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- 1 Jewish harvest-home and birthday of the Christian church.
- 8 Prefix denoting priority.
- 11 Feminine proper name.
- 12 "... to come short," Heb. 4:1.
- 13 Place where goods are sold.
- 14 Tear.
- 15 Breezy.
- 16 Vigor.
- 17 He was standing by when Stephen was martyred.
- 18 Do what one of the malefactors did to Christ, Luke 23:39.
- 20 "churches which ... in Asia."
- 22 Insnare; rat pens (anag.).
- 23 Note.
- 26 Dry.
- 27 Offer beyond.
- 30 Paragraphs.
- 32 Said to this church: "Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain that are ready to die."
- 34 Southern state.
- 35 Said to this church: "As many as I love, I rebuke and casten: be zealous therefore, and repent."
- 38 Fold.
- 41 Note.
- 42 "wipe away ... tears," Rev. 7:17.
- 43 Have (Scot.).
- 44 Garment (colloq.).
- 47 Said to this church: "But that which ye have already hold fast till I come."
- 48 Where the seven churches were.
- 50 Because of office.
- 51 "birds of the ..." Matt. 8:20.
- 52 The messages to the seven churches are in this book.
- 53 "He that hath ... ear."

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- 1 Said to this church: "Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly."
- 2 King of Midian, Num. 31:8.
- 3 Surface (Geom.).
- 4 Twin-brother of Jacob.
- 5 Line of a vessel.
- 6 Finished (poet.).

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The Mississippi Southern Baptist Theological Seminary alumni breakfast will be held at the Walthall Hotel, Wednesday morning, November 15, at seven o'clock. Professor R. Inman Johnson will be the guest speaker from the Seminary. The meeting this year is of unusual interest. Graduates and alumnae of the W. M. U. Training School and other friends are invited to attend. Tickets for the breakfast will be on sale during the Convention in Jackson.

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MRS. B. L. PRICHARD

Gallman Woman's Missionary Union in regular meeting adopted the following resolutions: Whereas the Lord in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst our sister, Mrs. B. L. Prichard.

Whereas we wish to express our deep appreciation for her loyalty and faithfulness to her society, her community, and her church.

Whereas her influence and memory will live in the hearts of those who knew and loved her, and our lives are much richer today because she lived among us, and death to her is just a gate-way to a greater and richer life with God.

Therefore, be it resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to her family, and a copy recorded in our Woman's Missionary Union minutes, and also to The Baptist Record.

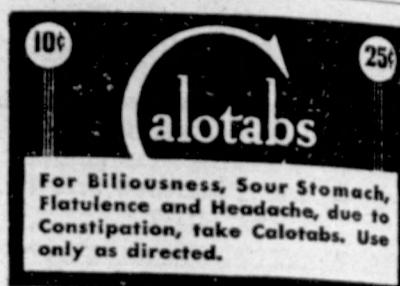
Respectfully submitted,
MRS. E. RAY IZARD,
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Committee.

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Collierville, Tenn.: Our associational letter shows a gain of 40 in membership, \$2,741 for missions and \$5,195 for local work.

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Completion of the Blue Mountain College Endowment Fund Campaign can be announced at the State Convention, Nov. 14-16, if the churches will raise their parts of the fund this week and Sunday.

We are requesting that the full-time churches try to complete their amounts by then, advising Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey, care of the Convention, so last-minute reports can be included in his statement.

The remaining \$57,000 necessary to complete the campaign can be obtained in time.

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ROY L. SELF

Gillsburg Baptists experienced a spiritual revival October 8-15 under the leadership of Roy L. Self, B. B. I. student. There were 13 additions. Rev. Self was formerly associate pastor and educational director of Temple church, Ruston, La.



MRS. WEBB BRAME

state W. M. U. president, who will be in charge of the W. M. U. report which will be made to the state convention at 2:45 on Wednesday afternoon. She will report gifts totalling more than \$90,000 for the year.



DR. WALTER L. JOHNSON

pastor, First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, will be one of the speakers at the Baptist State Convention. He will speak at 3:30 Wednesday afternoon on "The Church Organized for Service."

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Rev. Leon V. Young, Clinton, Miss.

Called and Accepted

Fred Bean, Buntyn Street, Memphis, Tenn.

C. N. Bennett, Daytona Beach, Fla.

Edwin H. Puryear, First, Avon Park, Fla.

James M. Meidena, Terra, Ceia, Fla.

Malcolm Sadler, chaplain, U. S. Army.

J. B. Marlow, East Athens, Athens, Tex.

John L. Henderson, Eastern Heights, Columbus, Ga.

George Wright, Calvary, Granite, Ill.

W. R. Hamilton, First, Dysterburg, Tenn.

Roger Hebert, First, Haringen, Tex.

Paul Fox, Immanuel, Pine Bluff, Ark.

S. B. Nichols, First, Cleveland, Okla.

Earl Bigelow, Goodwell, Okla.

J. B. Coleman, Estelline, Tex.

Loyal E. Brown, La Feria, Tex.

Glen Lee Greene, Gonzales, La.

Herbert J. Miles, Roberson Avenue, Springfield, Mo.

Resigned

J. B. Marlow, Bellevue, Macon, Ga.

Ben C. Scarborough, First, Jessup, Ga.

V. R. Higgs, DeLeon Springs, Fla.

George F. Nichols, Oil Center, New Mexico.

George Enting, Ringgold, Va.

George Wright, First, Elkville, Ill.

William W. Shrader, Felix Memorial, Lexington, Ky.

W. R. Hamilton, First, Hope, Ark.

C. N. Bennett, First, Brooksville, Fla.

Earl W. Powell, First, Evergreen, Ala.

Roger Hebert, Breckinridge, Tex.

Paul Fox, Van Buren, Ark.

B. N. Shepherd, Hereford, Tex.

Ben C. Scarborough, Jessup, Ga.

Correction: In the issue of October 26 it should not have read "T. V. Sumrall resigning Pampa, Fla.," but should have read resigning Central church, Pampa, Tex., and accepting Emmanuel church, Baton Rouge, La.

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Thanksgiving is a day of opportunity for the Orphanage. Organize with a view to an offering from every church and Sunday school member. Pray that every one may avail himself of the privilege of giving.

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Dr. C. Lee Bullard, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hammond, La., and formerly pastor at Gloster recently aided Pastor J. Price Brock (Mississippian) in a meeting at Ponchatoula. There were 41 additions,

B. FRANK SMITH LEADS SUMMIT MEETING

I have just closed a most inspiring week's work with the Summit church, of which Rev. S. M. ("Happy") White is the beloved and successful pastor. Never have I seen more complete preparation for a revival or more wholehearted cooperation on the part of members, other churches, and school authorities. The house was almost full at every service. All school children who desired to attend were released in the mornings, and most of them came. The Southwest Junior College bus ran evenings, and two services were held on the campus. The Sunday school attendance often approaches the total resident church membership, and although the town's population is only about one thousand, the Training Union attendance ranks with the dozen highest in the state.

The pastor and his wife are both talented musicians with wide experience, and the worship services are for this reason among the most attractive to be found anywhere. Their talent for enlisting people has given them a faithful and well-trained staff in all departments of the organized church life, which accounts for their large and growing kingdom program.—B. Frank Smith, Magnolia.

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PFC. CHARLES J. RODGERS

Pfc. Charles J. Rodgers was killed in action on September 14th in France according to a message received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Rodgers, of Route 2, Batesville. Besides his parents, he leaves four brothers, Pittman, Robert Lee and Chance E., all of Batesville, and Cpl. Johnny Frank Rodgers, who is serving his country in Belgium. He also leaves three sisters, Mrs. C. A. Livingston and Miss Janey Rodgers of Batesville and Mrs. J. W. Simmons of Slate Springs.

Pfc. Rodgers entered service on November 9, 1942, and received training at Camp Blanding, Fla., Camp Forrest, Tenn., and Camp Phillips, Kansas, before leaving for overseas service in March, 1944.

He landed in England and was in France a few weeks later. He was wounded during the invasion in France and awarded the Purple Heart which was sent home to his parents. He wrote of other medals he had won and was sending home, but they have not arrived.

Pfc. Rodgers was a member of Enon Baptist Church, Panola county, and will be greatly missed when our boys come marching home.

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J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Central America Mission Work Extended

Mission work in Central America has been extended by the Home Mission Board with the appointment of four new missionaries in Costa Rica, Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary-treasurer, has announced.

Recommendations of these appointments were made by Rev. Paul C. Bell, Canal Zone, superintendent of the Board's work in Central America, following a 1500-mile trip by plane, bus, horseback, and on foot, Dr. Lawrence said.

The new appointees are Rev. and Mrs. Manuel Garcia, Nicoya, Costa Rica; and Rev. and Mrs. Manuel Mendóza, Puriscal, Costa Rica. The Baptist agency now has sixteen missionaries in Central America, located in the Canal Zone, and the republics of Panama and Costa Rica.

Four additional missionaries have been appointed for work in the States, according to Dr. Lawrence. These are Rev. T. V. Herndon, Lake Charles, Louisiana, appointed superintendent of city missions in Shreveport; Rev. W. K. Wood, Ashland, Kentucky, superintendent of city missions in Covington and Newport, Kentucky; Rev. Jose A. Gonzalez, Lubbock, Texas; and Rev. Trinidad Cano, Kingsville, Texas.

The Home Mission Board now has 531 workers on fields from Maryland to California and in Cuba and Central America.

Eleven Southern Baptist ministers received chaplaincy commissions the past month, Dr. Alfred Carpenter, superintendent of camp work announced. Six of these were in the army and five in the navy. In the same period Dr. Carpenter said that his committee gave denominational endorsement to seven additional Baptist ministers applying for chaplaincy commissions. Baptist pastors and churches, he said, are responding to the appeal of the armed services for additional chaplains.

Offerings to the Board in October were up 31% above the same month of last year, Dr. Lawrence reported, a total of \$71,255.42 having been received, compared with \$47,212.79 in October, 1943. In ten months, receipts have been \$1,042,850.16, compared with \$771,339.08 in the same period last year, an increase of 35%, according to the mission treasurer.

"The increase of \$271,511.08 in the first ten months of this year," Dr. Lawrence added, "is more than total offerings for Home Missions in 1933."

Cuban Missions Escape Serious Storm Damage

No personal injury to missionaries or church members and little damage to mission property resulted from the recent hurricane across the center of the island of Cuba, according to reports received from Rev. Herbert Caudill, missionary of the Board at Regla.

Principal property losses, according to Brother Caudill, were at Guasimal and Jacomino, where the mission buildings were blown completely down. In each case, he states, there will be some salvage of materials from the destroyed buildings.

Damage to the Temple in Havana, a property worth around a third of a million dollars, was practically negligible, according to Brother Caudill.

March, 1944

Joe W. Burton, Secretary of Education

One porch roof, he states, was blown off.

Advance warnings had given the people ample opportunity to board up their windows and doors before the gale struck early on Wednesday morning, October 18, Brother Caudill states. However, there were no satisfactory advance precautionary measures which could be taken, he added, to withstand a gale which reached over 162 miles an hour, at which velocity it is reported that the measuring apparatus broke.

As Brother Caudill, with his family and members of his congregation, heard the wind lifting the tiles on the roof of the mission property at Regla and letting them down again, he was certain that at least 500 tiles would need to be replaced. When the storm had subsided, he found that seventy-five broken tiles was the extent of the damage. Since all masons were employed elsewhere and the missionary, himself, was the best workman who could be found, the small damage was repaired at a cost of around six dollars.

When the storm was over, in the absence of Dr. and Mrs. McCall who were in Georgia at the time on account of the illness of Mrs. McCall, Brother Caudill made a tour of inspection in the Havana vicinity, visiting the mission property at Arroyo Opolo, Guasimal, Jacomino, Guanajay.

He also received reports from a number of other places bringing the welcome news that little damage to property or to persons had been sustained.

"The storm was severe," he concludes, "so I think that we have come out pretty well that our losses have not been greater. I think that the final data will show that this storm was greater than the famous hurricane of '26 in regard to the number of hours that it lasted and the force of the wind. We have cause to be thankful that the loss was no greater."

Mission Study Books Have Record Sale

More than 100,000 Home Mission study books have been distributed since the first of the year, according to Rev. Joe W. Burton, the Board's secretary of education.

This record distribution includes sales totaling above 75,000 copies and the free circulation of 24,025 copies of the March Week of Prayer preparatory study book.

The popularity of the six books in the new Indian series, published early in the year, has accounted for approximately half of the above sales, according to the secretary of education. Within six months after these books came from the press some 35,000 copies had been sold—a record for the sale and use of mission study books.

Significant in the response to the new Indian series, according to Brother Burton, was the sale of over 3,000 copies of the resource volume in the set. Since the Indian Resource Book was not prepared for general reading, but as a guide for teachers in leading classes in the study of the five reading books of the series, this record of sales indicates that at least 3,000 classes have studied Indian mis-

my field during this month.

About a year ago a young French-speaking man in this section went to his own Catholic priest and asked for a Bible. He was given a New Testament and began reading. He read many things he had not known of before and so went over and showered the priest with all kinds of questions and failed to get satisfactory answers.

As he continued to read he met one of the converts from our church at Thibodaux. They read together and then came to Thibodaux to see me, also to ask questions.

After reading the Bible and praying with him, he made a complete surrender to Christ, united with our church, and was baptized. Now he is anxious to visit and help reach his own people in this section who are in darkness as he was.

I know that the gospel will lead those who read it to salvation. I am praying that many others will come to Christ likewise.

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MAGNOLIA ADOPTS PROGRESSIVE PROGRAM

In 1941 the Roman Catholic church revised and printed copies of the New Testament for distribution among American (Roman) Catholics. Seemingly this was done to overcome the strong argument against her that her people were not allowed to read the Bible. She has perhaps overcome one argument, but still refuses to allow her people to interpret the Scriptures.

In several instances I have made the statement that this Testament, even though a Roman Catholic version, would be a help to us, who are preaching the gospel to many lost people in the Roman Catholic system.

A definite victory because of this New Testament was experienced on staff.—B. Frank Smith, pastor.

We are pleased to announce the railroads will furnish free transportation for supplies of produce, clothing and other items shipped to the Baptist Orphanage for Thanksgiving. We are giving below the complete railroad schedule. Please pack items carefully and mark them plainly for Baptist Orphanage, Jackson, Mississippi. Be sure to get them to the railroad station at least one day before the time for the train to leave your station or early in the morning on the day of departure. We can use anything that is used in the average home, but please do not send us articles that have been completely worn out. Send us flour, meal, sugar, rice, grits, oatmeal and other cereals, lard, canned goods, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, pecans, peanuts, hay, corn, cottonseed hulls and meal, sheets, towels, pillow slips, table cloths, soda, baking powder, salt, laundry soap, toilet soap, dishes, cups and saucers, glasses, clothing of all kind for all age boys and girls.

TRAIN SCHEDULES:

GULF TRANSPORT COMPANY: Load at all points on Wednesday, November 22nd. Originating at Calhoun City and other points into Houston. These shipments will then be delivered to Jackson, Miss., by Gulf, Mobile and Ohio Railroad.

GULF, MOBILE AND OHIO RAILROAD (Former GM&N RR): Load at all points on Wednesday, November 22nd. Starting at the north from Brownfield and from the south at Sandy Hook also Evanston, McLain, Lucedale and all points into Laurel.

GULF, MOBILE AND OHIO RAILROAD (Former M&O RR): Start at Corinth, Tuesday, November 21st and work to Meridian; Start at State Line, Tuesday, November 21st.

COLUMBUS AND GREENVILLE: Load Columbus to Winona, and Greenville to Winona, Tuesday, November 21st.

MISSISSIPPI CENTRAL: Load Hattiesburg to Brookhaven, also Natchez to Brookhaven, Tuesday, November 21st.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL SYSTEM, (Including Y.&M.V. and G.&S.I.): Start at Lakeview, Horn Lake, Holly Springs, Aberdeen, Meridian, Laurel, Gulfport, Oskyka, Centreville and Natchez, each on Wednesday, November 22nd and work to Jackson.

We are asking that all shipments be consolidated as far as possible and leave the point of origin on the same date. However, any shipments will be accepted free of transportation charges from November 17th through December 6th.

W. G. MIZE, Superintendent.